



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: December 16, 2009

TO: Park and Recreation Commission

FROM: Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission:

- A. Partially approve the Street Tree removal request at 3003 Paseo Tranquillo – Peggy and Edward Walls – (3) *Lophostemon confertus*, Brisbane Box

The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve the removal of (1) *Lophostemon confertus*, Brisbane Box tree located on the corner of the property. The Committee and staff determined the tree closest to the corner is not growing well and is poorly located. The two trees adjacent to the entry walk were discussed with the applicant. Since root pruning can occur to stop the lifting of the entry walkway, the applicant no longer wants to remove those two trees.

- B. Conditionally approve the Street Tree removal request at 3515 Madrona Dr. – Patricia Olson – *Cryptocarya rubra*, Red Laurel

The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve the removal on the condition that the applicant plants a replacement tree of the same species.

- C. Deny the following Street Tree removal requests:

1. 1905 Mission Ridge Rd. – Edward Cooper – *Eucalyptus camaldulensis*, Red Gum

The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee and staff determined that the tree is a skyline tree, and the reasons provided by the applicant are not sufficient to justify removal.

2. 726 State St. – Rowand Chaffee – *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palm

The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee and staff determined the palm has not caused damage to the building.

3. 532 Brinkerhoff Ave. – Kenneth Kahre – (2) *Pinus canariensis*, Canary Island Pine

The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee and staff determined that the trees are healthy, and the reasons provided by the applicant are not sufficient to justify removal. Staff is unable to confirm any damage to private property from these trees. *Pinus canariensis* is the designated species for Brinkerhoff Avenue.

4. 1419 Laguna St. – Don Royale/Park East Apartments – *Cinnamomum camphora*, Camphor Tree

The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee and staff determined that the tree is healthy, and the reasons provided by the applicant are not sufficient to justify removal.

D. Approve the following Front Yard Setback Tree removal requests:

1. 612 Willowglen Rd. – David Swett – *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palm

The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve the removal. The Committee and staff determined the invasive ivy could not be completely removed without removal of the tree and the proposed planting of fruit trees would be a benefit in this location.

2. 3699 Rockcreek Rd. – Paul A. Gira – *Ficus microcarpa 'Nitida'*, Indian Laurel Fig

The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve the removal. The Committee and staff determined there is significant damage to the adjacent driveway and root pruning would destabilize the tree.

- ATTACHMENTS:**
1. 3003 Paseo Tranquillo
 2. 3515 Madrona Dr.
 3. 1905 Mission Ridge Rd.
 4. 726 State St.
 5. 532 Brinkerhoff Ave.
 6. 1419 Laguna St.
 7. 612 Willowglen Rd.
 8. 3699 Rockcreek Rd.

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