



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: April 22, 2009
TO: Park and Recreation Commission
FROM: Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department
SUBJECT: Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission:

A. Approve the following Street Tree removal request.

1. 1721 Laguna St. – Jason Yardi – (2) *Pittosporum undulatum*, Victorian Box

The Committee (3/0) and staff recommend that the Commission approve the removals on the condition that the applicant replace with (2) *Geijera parviflora*, Australian Willow trees. The existing trees are in poor condition and are located right next to driveway entrances. The location of the new trees will be determined by the Parks Division.

B. Deny the following Street Tree removal request.

1. 3772 Lincoln Rd. – Dennis and Connie Doheny – *Liquidambar styraciflua*, Sweetgum

The Committee (2/0) and staff recommend that the Commission deny the removal request. The Committee and staff determined the tree is healthy and does not represent a current hazard. The Committee and staff determined the reasons are not sufficient to justify removal and suggest root pruning under direction of the Parks Division.

C. Approve the following Setback Tree removal requests.

1. 303 – 307 W. Arrellaga St. – Mark Aijian – *Yucca elephantipes*, Giant Yucca

The Committee (3/0) and staff recommend that the Commission approve the removal on the condition applicant replace with one or more trees in the setback.

2. 610 E. De La Guerra St. – Arbor Services, Karen Christman – *Pinus radiata*, Monterey Pine

The Committee (3/0) and staff recommend that the Commission approve the removal on the condition the applicant plant a replacement tree in the front yard within 30 days of the removal.

D. Deny the following Setback Tree removal request.

1. 2021 Garden St. – Bronwen Jones – *Syagrus romanzoffianum*, Queen Palm

The Committee (3/0) and staff recommend that the Commission deny the removal request. The Committee and staff determined the reasons for removal do not justify the removal. The Committee and staff recommend the applicant re-apply when plans are submitted for driveway modifications.

E. Postpone a decision on the following Setback Tree removal request.

1. 230 Lighthouse Rd. – Peikert Group Architects, Lisa Plowman – (5) *Eucalyptus globulus*, Blue Gum, (1) *Myoporum laetum*, Myoporum and (1) *Schinus terebinthifolius*, Brazilian Pepper

The Committee (2/0) and staff recommend that the Commission postpone a decision until the Planning Commission approves the Sub-division. The applicant has submitted an application to subdivide the property into 10 residential parcels. The subdivision map proposes driveways on the perimeter which, if approved, would require removal of 6 of the 7 trees. The Committee and staff are concerned that this request is premature and that the current design causes the removal of most of the trees unnecessarily. The Committee and staff do not support tree removal without approval of the subdivision. Staff recommends that the Eucalyptus trees be pruned to improve the condition of the trees.

- ATTACHMENTS:**
1. 1721 Laguna St.
 2. 3772 Lincoln Rd.
 3. 303-307 W. Arrellaga St.
 4. 610 E. De La Guerra St.
 5. 2021 Garden St.
 6. 230 Lighthouse Rd.

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