



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: March 25, 2009
TO: Park and Recreation Commission
FROM: Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department
SUBJECT: Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission:

A. Deny the following Street Tree removal request.

1. 300 block of E. Arrellaga St. – Philip Suding, representing the property owner. – (8) *Syzygium paniculatum*, Brush Cherry

The Committee (3/0) and staff recommend that the Commission deny the removal request. The Committee and staff determined the trees are healthy, do not represent a current hazard and the reasons are not sufficient to justify removal.

B. Approve the following Setback Tree removal request.

1. 32 E. Padre St. – Sarada Lewis – (2) *Eucalyptus globulus*, Blue Gum

The Committee (2-1) and staff recommend that the Commission approve the removal of (1) *Eucalyptus globulus*, (the one closest to the driveway) and deny the request of (1) *Eucalyptus globulus*. The Committee and staff recommend the lowest limb on the remaining tree be trimmed off to improve the available light for surrounding trees and provide for a more balanced tree. One member opposed removing either *Eucalyptus globulus* and recommended pruning and preservation of both trees.

C. Deny the following Setback Tree removal request.

1. 2726 Miradero Dr. – Villa Miradero North HOA – *Cupressus* species, Cypress species

The Committee (3/0) and staff recommend that the Commission deny the removal request. The Committee and staff determined the tree is a skyline tree

and recommend preservation of the tree. The Committee and staff recommend pruning to provide 10 ft. of clearance over any structure.

2. 2130 Mission Ridge Rd. – Teri and Eric Gabrielsen – *Eucalyptus globulus*, Blue Gum (***Continued from November 2008***)

The Commission previously reviewed this removal request in August 2008 and November 2008. Each time the Commission continued the item requesting more information. At the November 2008 meeting the Commission requested proof of permission to repair the wall before ruling on the tree removal request. Since that time the applicant submitted a request to have the wall repair approved by the Historic Landmark Commission (HLC). Community Development staff determined this request qualified for Staff Administrative Approval. Approval was granted and a parcel note was placed on the parcel. It is located in the Special Situation section on the second page of the attached Parcel Report. Community Development staff determined any alternate design of the wall would jeopardize its historic designation. The applicant owns a portion of the wall that is being damaged by the tree. The tree is owned by Marymount Academy School. The application states that if approved, the full cost of removal shall be borne by the applicant. Marymount Academy however, has a verbal agreement with the applicant to pay for removal of the tree if it is approved and repairs to the wall with a cap on the amount they will spend. Marymount Academy believes removal of the tree is necessary in order to repair the wall.

The Street Tree Advisory Committee (3/0) and Park Division staff recommend that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee and staff determined that the tree is healthy and recommend alternate wall designs be considered to preserve the tree.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 300 Block of E. Arrellaga St.
2. 32 E. Padre St.
3. 2726 Miradero Dr.
4. 2130 Mission Ridge Rd.

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