



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA**

**PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT**

**AGENDA DATE:** October 28, 2009  
**TO:** Park and Recreation Commission  
**FROM:** Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department  
**SUBJECT:** Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Commission:

- A. Postpone the Street Tree removal request for 421 N. Milpas St. – Darrell Becker – (1) *Juniperus chinensis 'Torulosa'*, Hollywood Juniper, (1) *Thuja orientalis*, Oriental Arborvitae

The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission continue this request until the applicant can provide a landscape and an elevation plan for the property. The plans are needed so that the STAC can determine whether replacement trees are appropriate.

- B. Approve the Setback Tree removal request for 918 Garcia Rd. – Paul Switch/Geoff Grow – *Erythrina caffra*, Kaffirboom Coral Tree

The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve the removal on the condition that a replacement tree is planted that can get as large as the current tree. The new tree could then be kept trimmed so that fire access can be maintained.

- ATTACHMENTS:** 1. 421 N. Milpas St.  
2. 918 Garcia Rd.

**PREPARED BY:** Tim Downey, Urban Forest Superintendent

**SUBMITTED BY:** Jill E. Zachary, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director 

**APPROVED BY:** Nancy L. Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director

**October 2009**

*Date:* 9/16/09

*Requested by:* Darrell Becker

*Address:* 421 N. Milpas St., Santa Barbara, CA 93103

*Location of Tree:* 421 N. Milpas St.

**Tree Species:** (1) *Juniperus chinensis 'Torulosa'* **Common Name:** Hollywood Juniper  
(1) *Thuja orientalis* Oriental Arborvitae

*Requested Reason for Removal:* Owner would like to replace existing trees with 2 street trees.

*Species recommended by the Approved Plan:* *Melaleuca styphelioides*, Prickly Melaleuca

*Advisory Committee Recommendation:* Approve Removal:  Deny Removal:  Postpone Removal:

*Staff Recommendation:* Approve Removal:  Deny Removal:  Postpone Removal:

*Date Posted:* 10/19/09

*Comments:* The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission continue this request until the applicant can provide a landscape, and an elevation plan for the property. The plans are needed so that STAC can determine whether replacement trees are appropriate.

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**City of Santa Barbara  
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PARK & RECREATION  
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**TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION – STREET TREE**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:  
APPLICANT:

DATE OF REQUEST:	09/16/09
NAME (FIRST AND LAST):	Darrell Becker
ADDRESS:	
DAYTIME PHONE:	805-965-9555

**TREE INFORMATION:**

TREE LOCATION (Address):	421 N. Milpas St.
TREE SPECIES (If Known):	1- Thuja orientalis, 1- Juniperus chinensis
REASON(S) FOR REMOVAL:	Owner would like to replace existing trees with 2 street trees.

**SUPPLEMENTAL: PROPERTY OWNER LETTER OR PHOTO INCLUDED**  **PROPERTY OWNER WILL PAY FOR REMOVAL AND/OR REPLACEMENT COSTS?**

YES  NO  
 **OWNER REQUEST FOR CITY TO PAY FOR REMOVAL AND/OR REPLACEMENT COSTS?**  
 YES  NO

**CITY PARKS COMMISSION PARKWAY TREE REMOVAL/REPLACEMENT POLICY**

Whenever a property owner desires to have a tree removed from a planting strip, the applicant shall apply to the Parks and Recreation Department for approval. If the tree is found to be in good condition and the removal request is granted solely for the convenience of the applicant, the full cost of such removal and replacement shall be borne by the applicant. If the removal is determined to be necessary for safety or the management of the urban forest resource, the City will assume the responsibility for all removal and replacement costs the tree removal will then be scheduled accordance to other pending priorities. The approval process will take approximately up to 60 days.

**APPEAL PROCESS FOR TREE REMOVAL**

Should you desire to appeal the Park Commission action denying your tree removal request to the City Council, a written notice thereof must be filed within 10 days of the commission action. The appeal notice can be either hand delivered to the Clerk's Office at City Hall, or mailed to the City Clerk at P.O. Box 1990, Santa Barbara, CA 93102-1990. A check made payable to the City of Santa Barbara in the amount of \$300 must accompany your appeal as an appeal processing fee, per City Council resolution.

**FRONT YARD SET BACK TREE REMOVAL  
REQUEST**

October 2009

*Date:* 8/26/09

*Requested by:* Paul Switch/Geoff Grow

*Address:* 918 Garcia Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93103

*Location of Tree:* 918 Garcia Rd.

*Tree Species:* *Erythrina caffra*

*Common Name:* Kaffirboom Coral Tree

*Zoning/Setback:* E - 1 Zoning 30' Setback

*Reason for Removal:* High fire hazard area, Muni Code 8.04.

*Property Owner will pay removal / replacement cost:*

*Advisory Committee Recommendation:* *Approve Removal:*  *Deny Removal:*

*Staff Recommendation:* *Approve Removal:*  *Deny Removal:*

*Date Posted:* 10/19/09

*Comments:* The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve the removal on the condition that a replacement tree is planted that can get as large as the current tree. The new tree could then be kept trimmed so that fire access can be maintained.

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

**APPLICANT:**

DATE OF REQUEST:	8/26/2009
NAME (FIRST AND LAST):	Paul Switch / Geoff Grow
ADDRESS:	918 Garcia Rd, Santa Barbara
DAYTIME PHONE:	899-4906 / 966-3658

**TREE INFORMATION:**

LOCATION OF TREE (ADDRESS):	918 Garcia Rd, Santa Barbara
TREE SPECIES (IF KNOWN):	Erythrina (Coral Tree)
REASONS FOR REMOVAL:	High Fire Hazard Area, Muni Code 8.04 → Dangerous Fire Ladder.
TREE(S) WILL BE REPLACED:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES      NO

**SUPPLEMENTAL - PROPERTY OWNER LETTER OR PHOTO INCLUDED [4]**

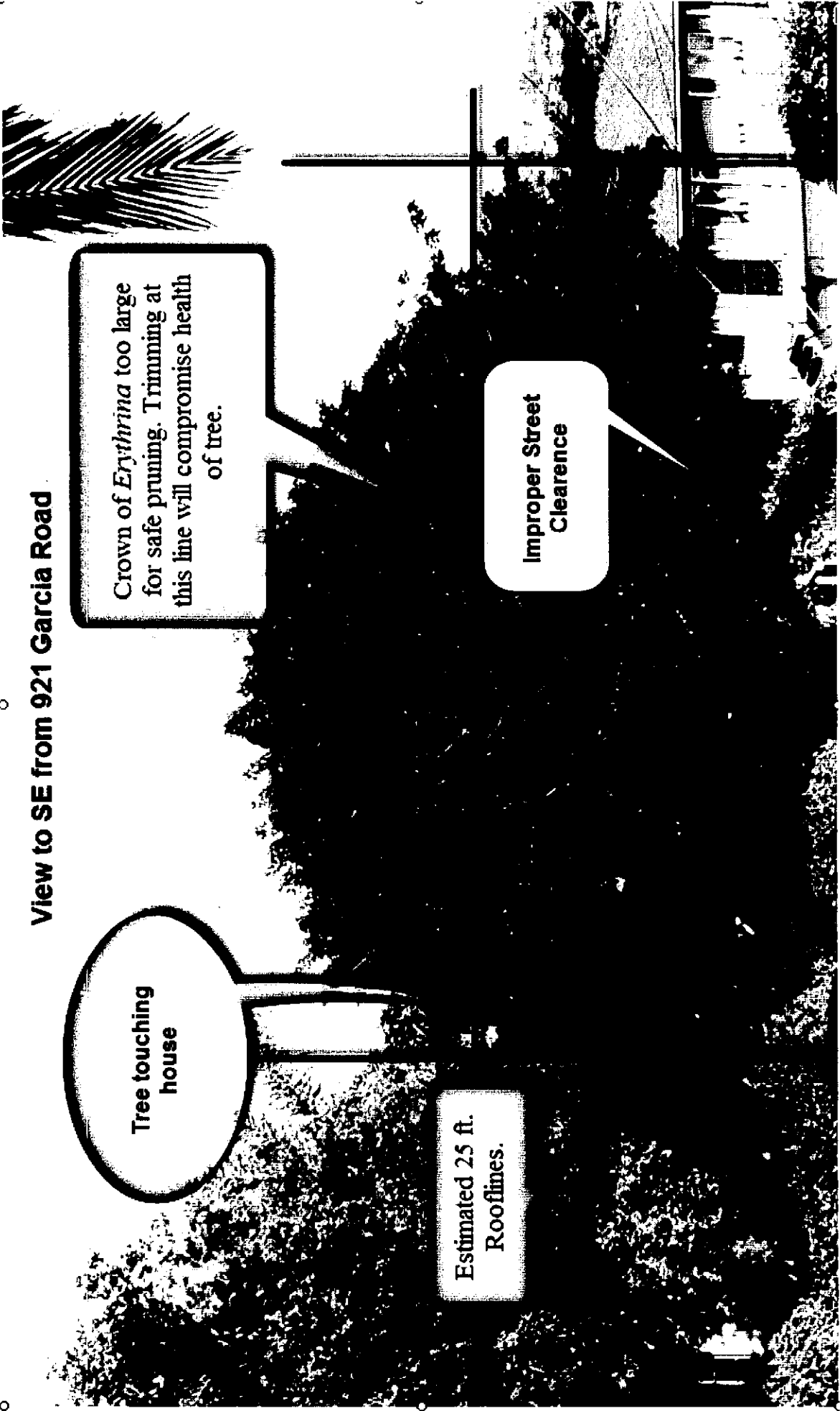
**CITY PARKS COMMISSION SETBACK TREE REMOVAL/REPLACEMENT POLICY**

Whenever a property owner desires to remove a tree located in the zoning setback from the street, the applicant shall apply to the Parks and Recreation Department for a removal permit. If the removal request is approved by the Parks & Recreation Commission the full cost of such removal and replacement, if required, shall be borne by the applicant. The approval process will take approximately 30-45 days.

**APPEAL: CITY OF SANTA BARBARA, PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
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**View to SE from 921 Garcia Road**



**Tree touching house**

**Crown of *Erythrina* too large for safe pruning. Trimming at this line will compromise health of tree.**

**Estimated 25 ft. Rooflines.**

**Improper Street Clearance**