AGENDA DATE: October 27, 2010

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission:

A. Conditionally approve the following Street Tree removal requests.

   1. 903 W. Mission St. – *Brachychiton discolor*, Pink Flame Tree – Heidi Ferguson

      The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the removal. The Committee and staff approve removal on the condition (2) replacement 24” box *Koelreuteria bipinnata*, Chinese Flame trees be planted. STAC commented that approval was not based on reasons stated by the applicant, but rather the greater shade potential of two trees and an longer term benefit to the Urban Forest.

   2. 1711 Loma St. – *Ceratonia siliqua*, Carob – William C. Haack

      The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the removal. The Committee and staff approve the removal on the condition the applicant replace the tree with the designated street tree, Australian Willow.

B. Conditionally approve the following Setback Tree removal request.

   1. 10 Portola Ln. – (2) *Archontophoenix cunninghamiana*, King Palms – Ken Brown

      The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the removals. STAC recommends the removals are approved on the condition the applicant replace with a Fuyu Persimmon tree, as stated in the application.

C. Partially approve the following Setback Tree removal request.
1. 1032 Mason St. – (3) *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palms, (1) *Schinus molle*, California Pepper – Lisa Plowman, Peikert Group Architects – *continued from May 26, 2010*

The Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the pepper tree at their May 26, 2010 meeting. At that time the decision was postponed until a landscape plan was provided. Since that time it was determined additional trees would be impacted by the proposed construction. The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the removal of the (3) *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palms, and deny without prejudice the removal request for the *Schinus molle*, California Pepper. The Committee recommends the applicant place the bicycle racks under the tree and utilize the space that shows the bicycle rack for parking.

D. Approve the following Setback Tree removal request on staff’s recommendation.

   1. 2215 De La Vina St. – *Platanus racemosa*, California Sycamore – Pam Webber

The Committee’s vote on a motion to deny removal failed due to a tie vote. Staff determined due to the condition of the tree and the willingness of the applicant to replant, the community would receive a long term benefit. Staff recommends the request be approved.

E. Approve the requests to designate the following species to the Street Tree Master Plan.

   1. 00 block of (entire) Chapala St. – change designated species

The Committee recommends that the Commission co-designate *Corynocarpus laevigatus*, Karaka and *Pittosporum viridiflorum*, Cape Pittosporum.

   2. 100 block (eastside) of Chapala St. – change designated species

The Committee recommends that the Commission designate *Crinodendron patagua*, Lily of the Valley.

   3. 200 block (eastside) of Chapala St. – change designated species

The Committee recommends that the Commission designate *Eucalyptus erythrocorys*, Red Cap Gum.

   4. 400-600 block of Grove Ln. – change in street tree designation
The Committee recommends that the Commission designate *Ginkgo biloba ‘Autumn Gold’* Autumn Gold Ginkgo and *Quercus tomentella*, Island Oak as designated species.

**ATTACHMENTS:**
1. 903 W. Mission St.
2. 1711 Loma St.
3. 10 Portola Ln.
4. 1032 Mason St.
5. 2215 De La Vina St.
6. 00 block of (entire) Chapala St.
7. 100 block of (eastside) Chapala St.
8. 200 block of (eastside) Chapala St.
9. 400-600 block of Grove Ln.

**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
City of Santa Barbara
FORESTRY DIVISION
STREET TREE REMOVAL REQUEST

Date: 9/14/10

Requested by: Chris Gilliland, Common Ground for Heidi Ferguson

Address: 629 State St., Suite 248, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Location of Tree: 903 W. Mission St.

Tree Species: Brachychiton discolor Common Name: Pink Flame Tree

Requested Reason for Removal: Tree is breaking up sidewalk. Want to replace with two alternate trees.

Species recommended by the Approved Plan: Koelreuteria bipinnata, Chinese Flame Tree

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Conditionally Approve Removal: ☑ Deny Removal: ☐

Staff Recommendation: Conditionally Approve Removal: ☑ Deny Removal: ☐

Date Posted: 10/14/10

Comments: The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the removal. The Committee and staff approve removal on the condition (2) replacement 24” box Koelreuteria bipinnata, Chinese Flame trees be planted. STAC commented that approval was not based on reasons stated by the applicant, but rather an overall benefit to the Urban Forest.

PHOTO INVENTORY

903 W. Mission St. 10/27/10 Attachment 1
Date: 9/15/10

Requested by: William C. Haack

Address: 1713 Loma St., Santa Barbara, CA 93103

Location of Tree: 1711 Loma St.

Tree Species: Ceratonia siliqua  Common Name: Carob

Requested Reason for Removal: Too large! Causing continued damage and expense to my home; see attached letter.

Species recommended by the Approved Plan: Geijera parviflora, Australian Willow

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Conditionally Approve Removal: ☒ Deny Removal: ☐

Staff Recommendation: Conditionally Approve Removal: ☒ Deny Removal: ☐

Date Posted: 10/14/10

Comments: The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the removal. The Committee and staff approve the removal on the condition the applicant replace the tree with the designated street tree.
Date: 9/20/10

Requested by: Ken Brown

Address: 10 Portola Ln., Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Location of Tree: 10 Portola Ln.

Tree Species: Archontophoenix cunninghamiana  
Common Name: King Palm

Zoning/Setback: E – 3 Zoning 20’ Setback

Reason for Removal: Aesthetics.

Property Owner will pay removal / replacement cost: ☒

Advisory Committee Recommendation:  
Conditionally Approve Removal: ☒  Deny Removal: ☐

Staff Recommendation:  
Conditionally Approve Removal: ☒  Deny Removal: ☐

Date Posted: 10/14/10

Comments: The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the removals. STAC recommends the removals are approved on the condition the applicant replace with a Fuyu Persimmon tree, as stated in the application.

PHOTO INVENTORY
Date: 9/15/10

Requested by: Lisa Plowman, Peikert Group Architects

Address: 10 E. Figueroa St., Suite 1, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Location of Tree: 1032 E. Mason St., Santa Barbara, CA 93103

Tree Species: (3) Washingtonia robusta  Common Name: Mexican Fan Palms
(1) Schinus molle  California Pepper

Zoning/Setback: R – 2 Zoning 20’ Setback

Reason for Removal: The expansion of the parking lot and addition of six affordable units.

Property Owner will pay removal / replacement cost: ☒

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Partially Approve Removal: ☒  Deny Removal: ☐

Staff Recommendation: Partially Approve Removal: ☒  Deny Removal: ☐

Date Posted: 10/14/10

Comments: The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the removal of the (3) Washingtonia robusta, Mexican Fan Palms, and deny without prejudice the removal request for the Schinus molle, California Pepper. The Committee recommends the applicant place the bicycle racks under the tree and utilize the space that shows the bicycle rack for parking.

PHOTO INVENTORY
Date: 9/8/10

Requested by: Pam Webber

Address: 2220 Bath St., Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Location of Tree: 2215 De La Vina St.

Tree Species: Platanus racemosa  Common Name: California Sycamore

Zoning/Setback: R – 4 Zoning 10’ Setback

Reason for Removal: Roof and building damage with acidic droppings, electrical lines touching branches.

Property Owner will pay removal / replacement cost: ☒

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approve Removal: ☐ Deny Removal: ☐

Staff Recommendation: Approve Removal: ☒ Deny Removal: ☐

Date Posted: 10/14/10

Comments: The Committee’s vote on a motion to deny removal failed due to a tie vote. After a discussion, it was determined that the tie could not be broken. Staff determined due to the condition of the tree and the willingness of the applicant to replant, the community would receive a long term benefit. Staff recommends the request be approved.

PHOTO INVENTORY
Date: August 26, 2010

Location: 00 block of entire Chapala St.

Present Species Designation: *Nerium oleander*, Oleander

Proposed Change to: *Corynocarpus laevigatus*, Karaka and *Pittosporum viridiflorum*, Cape Pittosporum


Reasons for Recommended Change: Oleanders are dying due to the fatal disease Oleander Leaf Scorch.

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**PARK COMMISSION ACTION PHOTO INVENTORY**

Change

Change

Date of Action:
Date: August 26, 2010

Location: 100 block (eastside) of Chapala St.

Present Species Designation: *Nerium oleander*, Oleander

Proposed Change to: *Crinodendron patagua*, Lily of the Valley

Existing Species Profile: *Lagunaria patersonii*, Primrose Tree; *Araucaria bidwillii*, Bunya-Bunya; *Syagrus romanzoffianum*, Queen Palm; *Araucaria heterophylla*, Norfolk Island Pine; *Nerium oleander*, Oleander; *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palm; *Casuarina cunninghamiana*, River She-Oak; *Pinus canariensis*, Canary Island Pine; *Ligustrum japonicum*, Japanese Privet

Reasons for Recommended Change: Oleander's are dying due to the fatal disease Oleander Leaf Scorch.
Date: August 26, 2010

Location: 200 block (eastside) of Chapala St.

Present Species Designation: *Nerium oleander*, Oleander

Proposed Change to: *Eucalyptus erythrocorys*, Red Cap Gum


Reasons for Recommended Change: Oleander's are dying due to the fatal disease Oleander Leaf Scorch.

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**PARK COMMISSION ACTION**

**PHOTO INVENTORY**

Change Adopted:

Change Denied:

Date of Action:
Date: September 28, 2010

Location: 400-600 blocks of Grove Ln.

Present Species Designation: *Pyrus kawakamii*, Evergreen Pear

Proposed Change to: *Ginkgo biloba 'Autumn Gold'*, Autumn Gold Ginkgo, *Quercus tomentella*, Island Oak


Reasons for Recommended Change: A request from a resident due to disease and biodiversity.

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**PARK COMMISSION ACTION PHOTO INVENTORY**

Change Adopted:

Ginkgo

Change Denied:

Island Oak

Date of Action: