



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: April 28, 2010

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Recognition of Craig Makela for His Support and Guidance in the Rehabilitation of the Olive Grove in Parma Park

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission recognize Mr. Craig Makela for his support and guidance in the rehabilitation of the 100-year old olive grove in Parma Park.

DISCUSSION:

The olive grove in Parma Park was significantly burned during the November 2008 Tea Fire. Planted by Giovanni B. Parma in the 1890's, the grove serves as a remaining natural feature from the time when the property was owned by the Parma family.

During the development of the restoration plan in early 2009, Parks staff contacted Craig Makela, president of the Santa Barbara Olive Company, with questions regarding replacement or rehabilitation of the grove. Mr. Makela visited the grove in February 2009 to provide an assessment for rehabilitation. Mr. Makela then helped Parks staff outline a five-year restoration plan and provided hands on training in October 2009 for the selection of new olive branch leaders and tree pruning. All of his work was provided at no cost to the City.

The Parks and Recreation Department would like to recognize the generosity of Mr. Craig Makela. His efforts to salvage and restore the Parma Park olive grove are greatly appreciated. The fruits of his labor will be seen for years to come.

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