



**City of Santa Barbara
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Regular Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Longstreet called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chair Longstreet.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners & Staff Present

Commissioner Beebe Longstreet
Commissioner Ada Conner
Commissioner W. Scott Burns
Commission Intern Diego Torres-Santos
Parks & Recreation Director Nancy Rapp
Asst. Parks & Recreation Director Jill Zachary
Urban Forest Superintendent Timothy Downey
Executive Assistant Karla Megill
Recreation Program Manager Judith McCaffrey
Parks Manager Santos Escobar, Jr.
Recreation Programs Manager Sarah Hanna

Commissioners & Staff Absent

Commissioner Daraka Larimore-Hall
Commissioner Daniel Hochman

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: Chair Longstreet acknowledged a letter the Commission received from Carol Bornstein, Chair, Street Tree Advisory Committee, asking them to consider allowing individuals from beyond the City limits to serve on the Committee. Chair Longstreet asked that staff place that item on the January agenda for discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Speakers: Mr. Gene Tyburn

RECOGNITION OF ADA CONNER, OUTGOING PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSIONER – FOR ACTION:

Ms. Rapp briefed that Commissioner Conner will remain on the Commission for another six months to fill the vacancy that exists. She said that Council will conduct a semiannual recruitment in the spring with appointments in the summer.

Chair Longstreet recognized Chris Casebeer, recently appointed Park and Recreation Commissioner, who was present in the audience.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS:

Commissioner Burns reported on the activities of the Multi-Jurisdictional Front Country Trails Task Force and the Arts & Crafts Show Advisory Committee. Chair Longstreet also reported on the activities of the Multi-Jurisdictional Front Country Trails Task Force and the PARC Foundation.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Chair Longstreet acknowledged Parks and Recreation Department employees Denise Reid who received a 30-year pin, and Mark Rauch who received a 25-year pin at City Council last week.

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT:

Youth Intern Torres-Santos provided this report.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Summary of Council Actions – For Information

Commissioner Burns suggested that staff provide an overview of the Ordinance amending Chapters 15.20 and 15.24 and Title 22 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code relating to the Preservation of Trees and the Maintenance of Approved Landscape Plans at the January or February meeting for the benefit of the new Commissioners.

2. Approval of Minutes – For Action

Recommendation: That the Commission waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 18, 2009.

Commissioner W. Scott Burns moved, seconded by Commissioner Ada Conner, and passed 3/0 to the Commission waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 18, 2009.

STREET TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ITEMS

3. Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations – For Action

Recommendation: That the Commission:

Speakers:

- Staff: Mr. Tim Downey, Urban Forest Superintendent
- Members of the Public: Ms. Peggy Walls, Applicant, Item 3A; Dr. John Clark, Ms. Jennings, and Mr. Gene Tyburn, Item 3C(1); Kenneth Carrey, Jean Carrey, Barbara Primo, Paul Primo, Wanda Livermore, Carl Hightower, and Gene Tyburn, Item 3C(3); Gene Tyburn; Item 3C(4)

Documents:

- Staff Report
 - Staff PowerPoint
- A. Partially approve the Street Tree removal request at 3003 Paseo Tranquillo - Peggy and Edward Walls - (3) *Lophostemon confertus*, Brisbane Box

Commissioner W. Scott Burns moved, seconded by Commissioner Ada Conner, and passed 3/0 to postpone taking final action on the removal request outlined in item 3A until the January 2010 meeting.

- B. Conditionally approve the Street Tree removal request at 3515 Madrona Dr. – Patricia Oloson – *Cryptocarya rubra*, Red Laurel

Commissioner W. Scott Burns moved, seconded by Commissioner Ada Conner, and passed 3/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation to conditionally approve the Street Tree removal request at 3515 Madrona Drive.

- C. Deny the following Street Tree removal requests:

1. 1905 Mission Ridge Rd. - Edward Cooper - *Eucalyptus camaldulensis*, Red Gum

Commissioner Ada Conner moved, seconded by Commissioner W. Scott Burns, and passed 2/1 to deny the tree removal request at 1905 Mission Ridge Road.

2. 726 State St. – Rowand Chaffee – *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palm

Commissioner W. Scott Burns moved, seconded by Commissioner Ada Conner, and passed 3/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation to deny the removal of the tree identified in item 3C(2).

3. 532 Brinkerhoff Ave. - Kenneth Kahre - (2) Pinus canariensis, Canary Island Pine

Commissioner Ada Conner moved, seconded by Commissioner W. Scott Burns, and passed 3/0 to postpone final action of the removal request outlined in item 3C(3) until the February 2010 meeting.

4. 1419 Laguna St. - Don Royale/Park East Apartments - Cinnamomum camphora, Camphor Tree

Commissioner W. Scott Burns moved, seconded by Commissioner Ada Conner, and passed 3/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation to deny the removal of the Camphor tree at 1419 Laguna Street.

D. Approve the following Front Yard Setback Tree removal requests:

1. 612 Willowglen Rd. - David Swett - Washingtonia robusta, Mexican Fan Palm
2. 3699 Rockcreek Rd. - Paul A. Gira - Ficus microcarpa 'Nitida', Indian Laurel Fig

Commissioner Ada Conner moved, seconded by Commissioner W. Scott Burns, and passed 3/0 to concur with the recommendation of the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff to approve the removal of the trees identified in items 3D (1) & (2).

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

4. Advisory Committee Appointments - For Action

That the Commission:

- A. Consider the application of Irelle Beatie, incumbent, and make one appointment to the Golf Advisory Committee;

- B. Consider the applications of Greg Chittick, Kristen LaBonte, and Corey Welles, incumbents, and make three appointments to the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Advisory Committee; and
- C. Consider the applications of Ricardo Castellanos and Karen Christman, incumbents, and make two appointments to the Street Tree Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Ada Conner, and passed 3/0 to reappoint Irelle Beatie to the Golf Advisory Committee; Greg Chittick, Kristen LaBonte, and Corey Welles to the IPM Advisory Committee, and Ricardo Castellanos and Karen Christman to the Street Tree Advisory Committee, each for terms ending December 31, 2011.

5. Co-Sponsorship Information Update - For Information

Recommendation: That the Commission receives an updated report on Parks and Recreation Department Agreements including co-sponsorships, facility. and license agreements.

Speakers:

- Staff: Judith Cook McCaffrey, Recreation Programs Manager

Documents:

- Staff Report

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

6. Parks and Recreation Budget - For Discussion

Ms. Rapp said that a Budget Worksession will be schedule for late January. She said the focus will be cost recovery fee policy. Ms. Rapp said that an Urban Forestry work session will be held soon also.

Chair Longstreet again asked that staff schedule a parks tour for the new Commissioners and the new Councilmembers.

7. Neighborhood and Outreach Services - For Discussion

Ms. Hanna provided this update.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:45 p.m., with no further business to come before the Commission,

Commissioner Ada Conner moved, seconded by Commissioner W. Scott Burns, and passed 3/0 to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Rapp
Parks and Recreation Director