



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: February 24, 2010

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission:

A. Approve the following Street Tree removal request.

1327 Crestline Dr. – Jose Luis Esparza, Architect – (4) *Archontophoenix cunninghamiana*, King Palms

The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve the removal request on the condition that the applicant relocates the trees on the property. The applicant has agreed to plant 2 – 3 approved street trees in the parkway. The approved street tree for the 1300 block of Crestline is *Callistemon viminalis*, Weeping Bottlebrush. Since the parkway is large enough to sustain a larger species of tree, the Street Tree Advisory Committee plans to review and recommend to the Commission that an additional tree be added to the designated list for this section of Crestline Dr. This discussion is scheduled for their March meeting. Once the designated street tree is determined, the appropriate number of trees will be placed dependent on available space.

B. Approve the following Setback Tree removal requests.

1. 3880 State St. – Martha Degasis, Arcadia Studio, Inc. – (1) *Cedrus deodara*, Deodar Cedar, (1) *Geijera parviflora*, Australian Willow

The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve the removal request. The landscape plan, including any replacement trees, will be reviewed as part of the parking lot redesign plan by the Architectural Board of Review.

2. 2211 White Ave. – Kent Nixon, Architect – *Cryptomeria*, Japanese Cedar

Since the Committee did not have the site plan available for review at the time of their February 4, 2010 meeting, the Committee recommended that a decision be postponed. Staff received the site plan on February 16, 2010, and determined the project has already been approved by the Single Family Design Board. The plan calls for additional

parking and a garage that is adjacent to the existing carport. Staff has determined the project design requires removal of the tree. Staff recommends the applicant consider a shade tree be planted in the setback to replace the loss of this tree. Since the development plan has already been approved, staff recommends the Commission approve this removal.

C. Postpone the street tree removal request. ***Continued from December 2009***

532 Brinkerhoff Avenue – Kenneth Kahre – (2) Pinus canariensis, Canary Island Pine

This item was reviewed by the Commission at the December 16, 2009 meeting. At that time, the Commission voted to postpone a decision until their February meeting, and requested that staff hold a neighborhood meeting to discuss the decision process for considering tree removals, and the street tree designation process. That meeting was held with the neighborhood on February 10, 2010. As a result of the meeting, the applicant is requesting the decision to be further postponed until they can come up with a neighborhood proposal to change the street tree designation. The Street Tree Advisory Committee's recommendation from December was to deny the removals. Staff recommends that the Commission continue to postpone the review of the tree removal request until the neighborhood prepares a proposal to change the street tree designation on Brinkerhoff Avenue.

D. Deny the request to designate alternate species to the Street Tree Master Plan.

400 block of Montgomery St. – Sam Maphis

The designated street tree for Montgomery Street is Moreton Bay Chestnut. The request for an alternate species designation was based on the applicant's stated difficulty in locating this species. The Committee and staff determined the current designated tree fits well with this street. Staff will work with the applicant to locate the Moreton Bay Chestnut tree needed for their project. The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission deny the request.

E. Approve the request to designate two species to the Street Tree Master Plan.

00 block of W. Victoria St. – Bob Cunningham, Arcadia Studios

This request is associated with the development of a commercial property located at the corner of Chapala Street and Victoria Street. There are no street trees along the section of Victoria adjacent to the project. The project applicant is proposing to add space for trees and would like trees that provide more shade than the designated Queen Palms. Additionally, the applicant requests that the Commission designate two

trees with different growth patterns to help soften the proposed two story building. The Committee and staff determined that the *Eucalyptus salmonophloa*, Salmon Gum Eucalyptus has an upright growth habit and the *Arbutus 'Marina'*, Marina Strawberry Tree has a lower canopy, and that they would fulfill the desired need for softening. The Committee and staff recommend approval of *Eucalyptus salmonophloia*, Salmon Gum and *Arbutus 'Marina'*, Marina Strawberry Tree as alternate designated trees for the 00 block of W. Victoria Street.

- ATTACHMENTS:**
1. 1327 Crestline Dr.
 2. 3880 State St.
 3. 2211 White Ave.
 4. 532 Brinkerhoff Ave.
 5. 400 block of Montgomery St.
 6. 00 block of W. Victoria St.

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