



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: May 26, 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 requests.

1. 2526 Murrell Rd. – Ken Cohen – *Prunus caroliniana*, Carolina Laurel Cherry

The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve the removal.

2. 423 W. Victoria St. – Westside Community Center – 14 various trees

The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve the tree removal and replacement plan (20 new trees). The proposed project includes landscape and lighting improvements, as well as improved basketball and handball courts, new benches, and ADA access. Funded by the Redevelopment Agency, project construction is scheduled for August 2010 once the new school year begins.

B. Conditionally approve the following Setback Tree removal requests.

1. 3607 San Jose Ln. – John Sutton – *Tipuana tipu*, Tipu

The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve the removal on the condition the applicant replace the tree.

2. 163 La Jolla Dr. – Peter Becker, Architect – *Pittosporum undulatum*, Victorian Box – ***continued from November 2009***

The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve the removal on the condition the proposed landscape plan is approved by the appropriate review body. The Commission reviewed this application at the

November 18, 2009, regular meeting. The Commission voted to postpone a decision on this tree until such time that a landscape plan was submitted. The plan is attached for your reference.

C. Deny the following Setback Tree removal requests.

1. 27 Alameda Padre Serra – Colette and Stephen Crafton – *Cedrus spp.*, Cedar

The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee and staff determined the tree is healthy, and the reasons supplied by the applicant are not sufficient to justify the removal.

2. 1 Oak St. – Anita Balboa Sanchez – *Liquidambar styraciflua*, American Sweetgum– ***continued from April 28, 2010***

The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee and staff determined the tree is healthy, and the reasons supplied by the applicant are not sufficient to justify the removal. The Commission reviewed this item at the April 28, 2010, meeting. The Commission voted to continue the item for one month to get staff's perspective on the prior damage. The foundation and walkway damage has been repaired. The tree is located far enough away that, should the roots lift the walkway, root pruning can occur without danger to the tree.

D. Postpone the following removal request.

1. 1032 E. Mason St. – Lisa Plowman, Peikert Group Architects, LLP. – *Schinus molle*, California Pepper

The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission postpone a decision until applicant provides a landscape plan.

- ATTACHMENTS:**
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 2. 423 W. Victoria St.
 3. 3607 San Jose Ln.
 4. 163 La Jolla Dr.
 5. 27 Alameda Padre Serra.
 6. 1 Oak St.
 7. 1032 E. Mason St.

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