



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: July 28, 2010
TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department
SUBJECT: Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission:

A. Deny the following Street Tree removal request.

1. 712 Grove Ln. – Wanda Inman – *Pyrus kawakamii*, Evergreen Pear

The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee determined the tree is reasonably healthy and that the reasons supplied by the applicant are insufficient to justify the removal. The tree has a bacterial disease called Fire Blight which causes dieback from the tips. Fire blight does not have a cure but the extent of the damage can be minimized by pruning. The leaf drop for trees with this disease is the same as those without. The designated tree for this section of Grove Lane is the Evergreen Pear. As a result, the replacement tree would be the Evergreen Pear. The applicant submitted a request to remove this tree that was reviewed at the June 28, 2006 Park and Recreation Commission meeting. The request was due to leaf drop. After a discussion of the request, the application was denied.

B. Approve the following Setback Tree removal request.

1. 820 Vales St. – Kenneth Cox – *Pinus radiata*, Monterey Pine

The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve the removal. The Committee determined there are six other trees in the area, two of which are street trees. They determined this was a sufficient number of trees for this area.

C. Conditionally approve the following Setback Tree removal requests.

1. 1255 Mountain View Rd. – Vicky Velez – *Tipuana tipu*, Tipu

The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve the removal of the tree on the condition other trees are planted in the area. There is room for street trees along the property, and room in the applicant's yard for another tree. Staff will work with the applicant to determine the best locations for new trees.

2. 1628 Overlook Ln. – Giovanni Vigna – (1) *Araucaria heterophylla*, Norfolk Island Pine, (1) *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palm - **continued from June 2010**

The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve the removals on the condition the Single Family Design Board approves the applicant's development design. The Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed this request at the June 23, 2010 meeting and postponed a decision until the applicant supplied the proposed landscape and construction plans. Those plans are included as an attachment. The improvements require the applicant to expand the garage from one car to two in order to meet current zoning regulations. The garage expansion will place the palm in direct conflict with the eaves of the garage. The project has received preliminary approval from the Single Family Design Board. The Norfolk Island Pine tree has been pruned away from high voltage lines by the utility company, but presents a danger to the lines.

- D. Approve request to designate the following species to the Street Tree Master Plan.

1. 1500 block of Salsipuedes St. – new street to be designated

The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve *Archontophoenix cunninghamiana*, King Palm as the designated street tree species. A new street will be constructed as part of the Cottage Hospital Work Force Housing project. This tree was selected because the parkways have limited space for trees. The proposed parkways are only 30 inches across. Additionally there are King Palm trees within the project, proposed for relocation, which may be suitable for transplant into the new parkway.

- ATTACHMENTS:**
1. 712 Grove Ln.
 2. 826 Vales St.
 3. 1255 Mountain View Rd.
 4. 1628 Overlook Ln.

5. 1500 block of Salsipuedes St.

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