



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

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
Regular Monthly Meeting**

**Wednesday, November 17, 2010**

**Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Wiscomb

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners & Staff Present**

Commissioner Lesley Wiscomb  
Commissioner W. Scott Burns  
Commissioner Chris Casebeer  
Commissioner Nicolas Ferrara  
Commissioner Rocky Jacobson  
Commissioner Beebe Longstreet  
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  
Parks Manager Santos Escobar, Jr.  
Creeks Project Planner George Thomson  
Parks Projects Planner Keven Strasburg

**Commissioners & Staff Absent**

Commissioner Daraka Larimore-Hall

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

None

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

No one wished to speak.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one wished to speak.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE RECOGNITION**

None

## **COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS**

Commissioner Longstreet reported on the activities of the Parks and Recreation Community (PARC) Foundation. She also reported that she attended the Tree and Landscaping Ordinance training held this past Tuesday morning.

Commissioner Burns reported on the activities of the Front Country Trails Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force.

Chair Wiscomb reported on the activities of the Street Tree Advisory Committee. She further reported on the activities of the Golf Advisory Committee. Chair Wiscomb reported that she attended workshops at the Davis Center with the Master Gardener's of Santa Barbara and the City Parks Division where they implemented a sustainable landscape.

## **COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

None

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Summary of Council Actions - For Information (Attachment)
2. Approval of Minutes - For Action (Attachments)

Recommendation: That the Commission:

- A. Waive the reading and approve the minutes of the special meeting of October 20, 2010; and
- B. Waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 27, 2010.

**Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Nicolas Ferrara, and passed 6/0 to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the special meeting of October 20, 2010 and the regular meeting of October 27, 2010.**

## **STREET TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ITEMS**

3. Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations - For Action

Recommendation: That the Commission:

Document

- Staff Report
- Staff PowerPoint

Speakers

- Staff: Tim Downey, Urban Forest Superintendent
- Members of the Public: Item 3A(1): Bill McReynolds and Courtney Miller

A. Postpone the following Street Tree removal request.

1. 535 E. Montecito St. - (1) Jacaranda mimosifolia, Jacaranda, (4) Callistemon citrinus, Lemon Bottlebrush, (1) Callistemon viminalis, Weeping Bottlebrush - City Ventures, LLC c/o Bill McReynolds

**Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner W. Scott Burns, and passed 6/0 to approve the removal of the stated trees in the request (six trees) and refer the item back to the Street Tree Advisory Committee for re-designation of replacement trees up to eight trees at 535 E. Montecito Street.**

B. Partially approve the following Street Tree removal request.

1. 1820-1826 De La Vina St. - (3) Podocarpus gracilior, Fern Pine - David R. Black, Landscape Architect

**Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Rocky Jacobson, and passed 6/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation to approve the removal of one tree with replacement in the existing driveway area that will become parkway.**

### **YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT**

Youth Intern Torres-Santos provided this report.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

4. Santa Barbara Zoo Wetland Margin Enhancement Project - For Information

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a report on the Santa Barbara Zoo Wetland Margin Enhancement Project.

#### Documents

- Staff Report
- Staff PowerPoint

#### Speakers

- Staff: Nancy L. Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director; George Thomson, Creeks Project Planner

### **ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS**

5. Capital Projects Update and Proposed FY 2012 - 2017 Capital Program - For Discussion

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a status report on the Department's current capital projects and review the proposed FY 2012 - 2017 Capital Improvement Program.

Documents

- Staff Report
- Staff PowerPoint

Speakers

- Staff: Nancy L. Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director; Jill Zachary, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director; Keven Strasburg, Parks Project Planner

Chair Wiscomb commented that the Commission's thinks about priorities for projects their goal is to keep things clean, green, and safe. She further stated that prioritizing projects where there are potential revenue increases through upgrades is a good focus.

Commissioner Longstreet stated that City Council needs to address that Parks and Recreation staff are experts in maintaining facilities and knowing what they can and cannot maintain. She said she wants to send a strong message to City Council that they need to pay attention to budgetary restrictions and the fact that it is a waste to install some of the things that are installed and that attention needs to be focused on the things we have. Commissioner Longstreet said she would like the City to have a more comprehensive view as a City.

Commissioner Ferrara expressed concerned saying there is a need to acquire a Lower Westside Center. He would like to see it happen sooner than later and that it needs to be a priority. He further said that lighting in the parks and security is important.

Commissioner Burns asked that the Commission be given the opportunity to review the Infra-Structure Task Force recommendations again. He suggested high school students in technical programs could do some work at Kids World. Commissioner Burns also suggested that a process be put in place whereby the Parks and Recreation Department gets funding when housing development projects are approved. He further suggested the City look at facilities they are not using and lease them to outside agencies or non-profits.

Chair Wiscomb stated that Park Security Enhancements are an important program to keep and get funded to address security improvements needed. She further said that the Neighborhood Preservation Program is a priority.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:08 p.m., with no further business to be addressed by the Commission,

**Commissioner W. Scott Burns moved, seconded by Commissioner Beebe Longstreet, and passed 6/0 to adjourn**

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Rapp  
Parks and Recreation Director