



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: November 17, 2010

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission:

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

This development project has gone through several changes since 2004. When the applicant applied for building permits, it was determined they had not undertaken the permitting process for removal of the street trees. The proposal is to remove one street tree on Montecito Street for the new driveway, and five along Calle Cesar Chavez. Along Calle Cesar Chavez the applicant is proposing to replant eight new Magnolia “Little Gem” trees, the designated street tree. As part of the development, the project will change the planting space, increasing it from five 4-foot tree wells, to a 6-foot wide parkway along the entire length of the parcel on Calle Cesar Chavez. The additional space allows for trees that will provide a bigger canopy than what the Magnolia “Little Gem” will achieve. The Committee recommends that the Commission postpone a decision to next month so that the Committee can also make a recommendation to change the designation to a larger tree.

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

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the removal of the tree at the location of the proposed driveway, on the condition a new street tree is planted at the location of the existing driveway. The Committee also recommends the Commission deny the removal of the other two street trees.

The Committee determined the street trees can co-exist with the oak on the property, and retaining the street trees along this property provides a contiguous planting of street trees along this section of De La Vina St.

ATTACHMENTS: 1. 535 E. Montecito St.
2. 1820-1826 De La Vina St.

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