



## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** December 14, 2011

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department

**SUBJECT:** Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Commission:

A. Conditionally approve the following Street Tree removal request.

1. 33 W. Victoria St. – (3) *Syagrus romanzoffianum*, Queen Palm, (1) *Archontophoenix cunninghamiana* – Martha Degasis with Arcadia Studios for Ensemble Theater

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the removals on the condition the King Palm be preserved and given to the City to plant elsewhere in the City.

B. Deny the following Front Yard Setback Tree removal requests.

1. 947 Jimeno Rd. – (3) *Eucalyptus* spp. – Fran Lewbel

The Committee recommends that the Commission deny the removals. Staff reviewed the tree removal application with the Fire Department Wildland Fire Specialist. According to the Specialist, there are no fire ladder hazards associated with these trees (tree limbs or brush that could carry fire up to the canopy). Although the trees are an estimated 20-feet from high voltage lines, they are not considered a hazard at this time. The applicant lives above the property where the trees exist. The applicant has an ongoing agreement with the property owner to trim the trees for their view. They are requesting removal with the permission of the owner in order to restore their view and eliminate future maintenance costs. The Committee determined the reasons provided by the applicant do not justify the removals.

2. 16 Alameda Padre Serra – (3) *Archontophoenix cunninghamiana*, King Palms – Irene Dal Bello

The Committee recommends that the Commission deny the removals. The Committee commented that the applicant can plant the suggested bottle palms in between the existing King Palms. Once the bottle palms become established,

and a canopy develops, the applicant could apply for removal of the existing palms.

C. Conditionally approve the following Front Yard Setback Tree removal request.

1. 712 N. Alisos St. – Pine, Christmas Tree – Bruce M. Halverson

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the removal on the condition the applicant replaces with a designated street tree at a location to be determined by City staff and the owner.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 33 W. Victoria St.
2. 947 Jimeno Rd.
3. 16 Alameda Padre Serra
4. 712 N. Alisos St.

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