



## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** April 27, 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. 1215 E. Cota St. – (2) *Callistemon citrinus*, Lemon Bottlebrush – Leslie Colasse

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the removals on the condition the two trees be replaced with one *Quercus agrifolia*, Coast Live Oak on the other side of the walkway that spans the parkway. Coast Live Oak is the designated species for the 900 – 1400 blocks of East Cota Street.

B. Deny the following Street Tree removal requests.

1. 21 N. Milpas St. – (2) *Ficus microcarpa 'Nitida'*, Indian Laurel Fig – Beverly Iles

The Committee recommends that the Commission deny the removals. The applicant is requesting to remove two of the three trees in tree wells that border this property. The Committee reviewed the *Ficus* tree closest to the building, determined the damaged private walkway can be repaired, and that leaf litter on the roof is insufficient reason to remove this tree. The Committee also determined the other *Ficus* tree is not currently causing any damage. The sidewalk was repaired two months ago by the Public Works Department. The Forestry Program also contracted for these trees to be trimmed the last week of March 2011.

2. 530 Flora Vista Dr. – *Schinus terebinthifolius*, Brazilian Pepper – Sierra Property Management

The Committee recommends that the Commission deny the removal. The damaged sidewalk was repaired in September 2010 by the Public Works Department.

C. Conditionally approve the following Setback Tree removal requests.

1. 507 Brosian Way – (3) *Eucalyptus spp.*, Eucalyptus – Mike and Mehri Forouzandeh

The Committee recommends that the Commission conditionally approve the removals. The Committee recommends approval on the condition the applicant replaces these trees with 3 trees that can achieve 30' minimum height, on private property, within 100 yards of the existing trees.

2. 3074 Marilyn Way – *Jacaranda mimosifolia*, Jacaranda – Starr and Jack Garvey

The Committee recommends that the Commission conditionally approve the removal. The Committee recommends approval on the condition the tree is replaced with a tree that can achieve 20' minimum height. The Committee determined the character of the immediate neighborhood would be materially affected by the loss of this tree. The new tree could be installed farther away from the roof.

3. 508 La Marina – *Liquidambar styraciflua*, American Sweetgum – Carl Nastro/Action Tree

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the removal on the condition the applicant replace with a tree that can achieve minimum 25' height and spread. During the site visit, the committee determined that some support cables were installed in the tree to help prevent the rear branch from breaking out due to damage caused when a previous branch broke out. These cables have cut into the branch creating a weak spot in the branch. In order to maintain a safe tree, it is now necessary to remove this branch. When the previous branch broke out, it left a large wound that has since decayed. This decay would spread if the rear branch is removed instead of the whole tree. Removing this branch would take about 40% of the canopy, making the tree unbalanced.

D. Approve the following Setback Tree removal request.

1. 33 E. Micheltorena St. – (4) *Podocarpus gracilior*, Fern Pine – Joe Chenoweth

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the removals. The Committee determined the space is too small for trees, and that the damaged playground area is dangerous to the students of the school.

E. Approve the following Street Tree Master Plan change.

1. 1000 Block of De La Vina St. – consider change to designated species

The Committee recommends co-designating *Hymenosporum flavum*, Sweetshade.

- ATTACHMENTS:**
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  2. 21 N. Milpas St.
  3. 530 Flora Vista Dr.
  4. 507 Brosian Way
  5. 3074 Marilyn Way
  6. 508 La Marina
  7. 33 E. Micheltorena St.
  8. 1000 Block De La Vina St.

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