



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: July 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. 720 W. Pedregosa St. – *Corymbia ficifolia*, Red Flowering Gum – David A. Chavez

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the removal on the condition that the applicant replace it with another *Corymbia ficifolia* in the City parkway at a location to be determined by City staff. Staff determined there is room in the parkway fronting this property to plant the replacement tree.

B. Approve the following Setback Tree removal requests.

1. 2215 Alameda Padre Serra – *Corymbia citriodora*, Lemon-Scented Gum – Barbara and Jim Allen

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the removal. The Committee determined that the location of the tree was not appropriate for any tree due to the size of the planter, and that adjacent trees would benefit from the removal.

C. Partially approve the following Setback Tree removal requests.

1. 740 Flora Vista Dr. – (2) *Cupressus arizonica*, Arizona Cypress – Jeremiah and Julie Weiss

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the removal of the tree closest to the driveway. The Committee recommends the tree farthest from the driveway be denied. The Committee determined that these trees are well maintained and healthy. However, the Committee also determined the removal of the tree closest to the driveway would allow more sunlight under the remaining tree for landscaping purposes, and that this removal would benefit the remaining Cypress tree and the adjacent City-owned tree.

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2. 3892 State St. – (1) *Melaleuca quinquenervia*, Cajeput Tree; (1) *Cedrus deodara*, Deodar Cedar

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the removal of the (1) *Melaleuca quinquenervia*, Cajeput Tree on the condition the applicant replace it with an appropriately sized smaller tree, and deny the removal of the (1) *Cedrus deodara*, Deodar Cedar. The Committee determined the *Melaleuca* is too large for its proximity to the building and that removal of the *Melaleuca* would benefit the Cedar by allowing longer periods of sunlight. The Cedar is located farther away from the building.

- D. Deny the following Setback Tree removal request.

1. 820 E. Canon Perdido St. – (2) *Pinus canariensis*, Canary Island Pine – Danielle Holzer

The Committee recommends that the Commission deny the removals. The Committee determined the removal of these trees would have a material impact to the immediate neighborhood. They determined the landscape plan could be altered to accommodate the existing trees.

- E. Consider the following changes to the street tree master plan

1. 2300 – 2400 blocks of Santa Barbara Street

The current designation for these blocks is *Chorisia speciosa*, Floss Silk Tree. The Committee determined the large parkway size could support large shade trees. The Committee recommends adding *Corymbia ficifolia*, Red Flowering Gum, and *Cinnamomum camphora*, Camphor Tree, as additionally designated. The Committee determined the Red Gum is consistent with the desires of the applicant. The Camphor Tree requires large parkways and is well-suited for this area. There are few areas in Santa Barbara with a space large enough to accommodate this tree. The Red Flowering Gum has flowers that range from light pink to deep red.

2. 800 block of East Carrillo Street

The current designation for these blocks is *Lophostemon confertus*, Brisbane Box Tree. There are no current developed parkways along this section of Carrillo Street. The Public Works Department is proposing a project to develop sidewalks and the parkways. Due to site constraints, the new parkways will be various sizes. The Committee determined the parkway size in some areas could support the Brisbane Box Tree, while other areas need a smaller tree. The Committee recommends adding *Eucalyptus torquata*, Coral Gum, as co-designated.

- ATTACHMENTS:**
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 2. 2215 Alameda Padre Serra
 3. 740 Flora Vista Dr.
 4. 3892 State St.
 5. 820 E. Canon Perdido St.
 6. 2300-2400 blocks of Santa Barbara St.
 7. 800 block of E. Carrillo St.

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