



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: March 23, 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. 1533 San Miguel Ave. – *Rauwolfia samarensis*, Indian Snakeroot – Willie and Jennifer Brummett

The Committee recommends that the Commission conditionally approve the removal. At the time of the meeting, the Committee recommended approval on the condition the proposed driveway construction occurs once a structure is approved for the lot. The Committee also recommended that the tree is replaced with two 24-inch box designated street trees. Subsequent to the Committee meeting, staff followed up with the Community Development Department. According to the Community Development Department, the lot split cannot be recorded without access to the property which requires the construction of a driveway. Given this new information, staff recommends that the Commission approve removal of the tree on the condition the applicant replace with two 24-inch box street trees.

B. Conditionally approve the following Setback Tree removal requests.

1. 319 W. Valerio St. – *Pinus pinea*, Italian Stone Pine – Ashkan Namdaran

The Committee recommends that the Commission conditionally approve the removal. The Committee recommends approval on the condition the tree is replaced with a canopy tree that will achieve a height and spread of 25 feet.

2. 1250 Ferrelo Rd. – *Ulmus parvifolia*, Chinese Elm – Ann Taves and Ray Paloutzian

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the removal. The Committee recommends approval on the condition the applicant replace with a canopy tree. Although the Committee determined the proposed fruit trees would

not provide a canopy to help shade the structure from the afternoon sun, staff supports the application and the fruit trees as replacements.

C. Deny the following Setback Tree removal requests.

1. 200 E. Constance Ave. – *Acacia decurrens*, Green Wattle – William Faulding

The Committee recommends that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee recommends that the tree be pruned to preserve its structural integrity. Staff determined the pruning should include weight reduction and thinning. The Committee recommends an adjacent setback Acacia tree be removed because it has poor structure and is leaning on the tree for which removal is requested. The Committee determined these measures will allow more sun for an adjacent Oak tree. Once the Oak grows, the removal of this Acacia will not be as much of an impact to the neighborhood.

2. 210 Balboa Dr. – *Pinus pinea*, Italian Stone Pine – Pete Tenoso Jr.

The Committee recommends that the Commission deny the removal. The reasons stated by the applicant were pursuant to Santa Barbara Municipal Code Sections 15.24.090 B&E. These sections include that a reasonable development of the property dictates removal, and that regard for the safety of persons or property dictates removal. The Committee determined the tree is located sufficiently away from the sidewalk to allow for root pruning in order to make repairs to the sidewalk.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 1533 San Miguel Ave.
2. 319 W. Valerio St.
3. 1250 Ferrelo Rd.
4. 200 E. Constance Ave.
5. 210 Balboa Dr.

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