



**City of Santa Barbara
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Regular Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday, December 14, 2011

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chair Wiscomb

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners & Staff Present

Commissioner Lesley Wiscomb
Commissioner Chris Casebeer (Departed at 5:24 p.m.)
Commissioner W. Scott Burns
Commissioner Nicolas Ferrara
Commissioner Beebe Longstreet
Commissioner Charlie Trentacosti
Commission Intern Michael Yi (Departed at 4:25 p.m.)
Parks & Recreation Director Nancy Rapp
Asst. Parks & Recreation Director Jill Zachary
Urban Forest Superintendent Timothy Downey
Executive Assistant Karla Megill
Parks Manager Santos Escobar, Jr.
Golf Course Manager Mark Reed

Commissioners & Staff Absent

Commissioner Rocky Jacobson

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: Chair Wiscomb acknowledged the document dated November 17, 2011, from Parks and Recreation Commissioner W. Scott Burns, containing his comments regarding the Library Plaza Improvement Project.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No one wished to speak.

COMMUNITY SERVICE RECOGNITION:

1. Recognition of Kyle Kovacs for Eagle Scout Project - For Action

Recommendation: That the Commission recognize Kyle Kovacs, Eagle Scout, for his donation of ten bat boxes to the Parks Division

Documents:

- Staff Report

Speakers:

- Staff: Nancy L. Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director; Santos Escobar, Parks Manager
- Members of the Public: Kyle Kovacs

2. Community Recognition Santa Barbara Master Gardeners - For Action

Recommendation: That the Commission recognize the Santa Barbara Master Gardeners for their installation and maintenance of the Santa Barbara Golf Club Butterfly Garden.

Documents:

- Staff Report

Speakers:

- Staff: Mark Reed, Golf Course Manager
- Members of the Public: Lynn Kirby and Bruce Dodds

3. Recognition of Outgoing Street Tree Advisory Committee Members - For Action

Recommendation: That the Commission recognize Carol Bornstein, Ricardo Castellanos, and Karen Christman for their many years of volunteer service on the Street Tree Advisory Committee (STAC), in support of the Parks and Recreation Department, Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Santa Barbara community.

Documents:

- Staff Report

Speakers:

- Staff: Nancy L. Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director; Santos Escobar, Parks Manager; Tim Downey, Urban Forest Superintendent
- Members of the Public: Karen Christman; Ricardo Castenellos

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT: Youth Intern Yi provided this report.

Youth Intern Yi departed at 4:25 p.m.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS:

Commissioner Ferrara reported on the activities of the Neighborhood Advisory Council.

Commissioner Longstreet reported on the activities of the Front Country Trails Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force.

Commissioner Burns also reported on the Front Country Trails Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force and on the activities of the Parks and Recreation Community (PARC) Foundation.

Commissioner Casebeer reported that he attended the MacKenzie Park Parking Lot dedication ceremony. He reported on the Commission Tour of Parks and Recreation Department facilities. Mr. Casebeer further reported on the activities of the Creeks Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Trentacosti reported that several Golf Lesson packages have been crafted in an effort to attract new golfers.

Chair Wiscomb reported on the activities of the Street Tree Advisory Committee.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Ms. Rapp congratulated Commissioner Trentacosti on his re-appointment as Parks and Recreation Commissioner for a four-year term.

Ms. Rapp briefed the Commission on the City holiday furlough occurring December 19th through January 2nd.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

4. Summary of Council Actions - For Information

Commissioner Longstreet acknowledged Santa Barbara Beautiful's contribution of \$30,000 in trees.

5. Approval of Minutes - For Action

Recommendation: That the Commission waive the reading and approve the minutes of the:

- A. Special meeting of November 6, 2011; and
- B. Regular meeting of November 16, 2011.

Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Chris Casebeer, and passed 6/0 that waive the reading and approve the minutes

of the Special meeting of November 6, 2011, and the Regular meeting of November 16, 2011.

STREET TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ITEMS

6. Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations - For Action

Recommendation: That the Commission:

Documents:

- Staff Report
- Staff PowerPoint

Speakers:

- Staff: Nancy L. Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director; Tim Downey, Urban Forest Superintendent
- Members of the Public: Item 6A(1) - Martha Degasis; Item 6C(1) - Gene Tyburn

A. Conditionally approve the following Street Tree removal request.

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

Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Nicolas Ferrara, and passed 6/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation for the project at 33 W. Victoria Street.

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

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

Commissioner Chris Casebeer moved, seconded by Commissioner Charlie Trentacosti, and passed 6/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation to deny the removal of the Eucalyptus trees at 947 Jimeno Road.

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

Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Chris Casebeer, and passed 6/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation regarding 16 Alameda Padre Serra.

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

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

Commissioner W. Scott Burns moved, seconded by Commissioner Nicolas Ferrara, and passed 6/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation regarding 712 N. Alisos Street.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

7. Advisory Committee Interviews and Appointments - For Action

Recommendation: That the Commission That the Commission hold interviews and make appointments to various advisory committees.

Documents:

- Staff Report

Speakers:

- Staff: Nancy L. Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director

- Members of the Public:

The Commission interviewed two applicants for two community at large vacancies to the Integrated Pest Management Advisory Committee. Those applicants were Gregg Chittick and Kristen LaBonte.

Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Chris Casebeer, and passed 6/0 to appoint Gregg Chittick and Kristen LaBonte to two vacant community at large positions on the Integrated Pest Management Advisory Committee, each for terms ending December 31, 2013.

The Commission interviewed two applicants for two resident, community at large positions on the Street Tree Advisory Committee. Those applicants were Billy Goodnick and Desmond O'Neill.

Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Chris Casebeer, and passed 6/0 to appoint Billy Goodnick and Desmond O'Neill to the two community at large resident positions on the Street Tree Advisory Committee, for terms ending December 31, 2013.

Commissioner Casebeer departed at 5:24 p.m.

The Committee interviewed eight applicants for one non-resident, community at

large position to the Street Tree Advisory Committee. Those applicants were: Julie Broughton; Mark Crane; David Holien; Warren Duke McPherson; Bruce Reed; Carol Terry; and Gene Tyburn.

Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Nicolas Ferrara, and passed 5/0 to appoint Duke McPherson to the Street Tree Advisory Committee at large, non-resident position for a term ending December 31, 2013.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS:

8. Capital Projects Update - For Discussion

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a status report on the Department's current capital projects.

Documents:

- Staff Report

Speakers:

- Staff: Jill Zachary, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to be addressed by the Commission,

Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Charlie Trentacosti, and passed 5/0 to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Rapp
Parks and Recreation Director