



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

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Regular Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday, October 24, 2012

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Wiscomb

ROLL CALL

Commissioners & Staff Present

Commissioner Megan Alley
Commissioner Chris Casebeer
Commissioner Christina Gonzalez
Commissioner Beebe Longstreet
Commissioner Charlie Trentacosti
Commissioner Lesley Wiscomb
Parks & Recreation Youth Intern Kate Yee
Parks & Recreation Director Nancy Rapp
Asst. Parks & Recreation Director Jill Zachary
Parks Manager Santos Escobar, Jr.
Urban Forest Superintendent Timothy Downey
Executive Assistant Karla Megill
Recreation Programs Manager Sarah Hanna
Recreation Program Manager Judith McCaffrey
Creeks Manager Cameron Benson
Sr. Recreation Supervisor Rich Hanna
Recreation Supervisor Terry Brown
Neighborhood and Outreach Services Supervisor Susan Young
Recreation Supervisor Jeff Smith
Recreation Coordinator Bill Bettinger
Recreation Specialist Julie Thomas

City Council Liaisons Present

Cathy Murillo

Commissioners & Staff Absent

Commissioner Nicolas Ferrara

1. Introduction of Youth Intern Kate Yee - For Information

Recommendation: That Commission receives an introduction of Parks and Recreation Commission Youth Intern Kate Yee.

Documents:

- Staff Report

Speakers:

- Staff: Susan Young, Neighborhood and Outreach Services Supervisor

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one wished to speak.

COMMUNITY SERVICE RECOGNITION

None

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

Youth Intern Yee provided this report.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS

Commissioner Longstreet reported on the activities of the Neighborhood Advisory Council. She said she visited the Lights on Afterschool event and was impressed with how hard the staff at Adams School was working. Ms. Longstreet reported that she attended the Lawnbowls 75th Anniversary Ceremony. She further stated that she attended the public hearing regarding the proposed Landmark Designation of the Corymbia Citriodora trees at the Library. Ms. Longstreet then reported on the activities of the Parks and Recreation Community (PARC) Foundation, and encouraged public support of the PARC Foundation which in turns supports Department programs for youth and parks.

Commissioner Trentacosti said that he also attended the Lawnbowls 75th Anniversary Event.

Commissioner Casebeer reported on the activities of the Creeks Advisory Committee. He too said he attended the Lawnbowls 75th Anniversary Celebration and said it was an exciting event. He encouraged the community to participate in the activity.

Commissioner Gonzalez reported that she attended the Youth Council meeting and that Intern Yee provided a report on those activities. Ms. Gonzalez stated that she was able

to attend the Leadership training. She praised Ms. Young's efforts and said the Youth Council members are motivated and dedicated to what they are doing and what they are going to do.

Commissioner Alley reported that she attended the Shoreline Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and commended staff for their efforts. She said she also attended the Lawnbowls 75th Anniversary Celebration; she too encouraged the public to participate in the activity.

Chair Wiscomb reported on the activities of the Street Tree Advisory Committee. She said she attended the Santa Barbara Beautiful Awards Ceremony. Ms. Wiscomb further reported that she attended the Shoreline Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony; said it is worth the trip to the park to see the new bluff side path and landscaping. Ms. Wiscomb stated that she attended the City Council meeting yesterday where the City Council discussed landmarking 13 Corymbia Citriodora at the Central Library. She said the results of the meeting were that City Council voted 5/2 in favor of landmarking five of the trees including three at the current entry to the Library, and two others. Ms. Wiscomb indicated that Mayor Schneider and Councilmember Murillo were opposed.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. **Summary of Council Actions - For Information**

3. **Approval of Minutes - For Action**

Recommendation: That the Commission waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 26, 2012.

Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Charlie Trentacosti, and passed 5/0 to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 26, 2012.

STREET TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ITEMS

4. **Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendation - For Action**

Recommendation: That the Commission:

Documents:

- Staff Report
- Staff PowerPoint Presentation

Speakers:

- Staff: Tim Downey, Urban Forest Superintendent
- Members of the Public: Item 4B(1), Susan Petty; item 4B(2), Mikki Jee

A. Deny the following Street Tree removal request.

- 1. 754 Firenze Pl. - Cinnamomum camphora, Camphor Tree - Onalisa Hoodes**

Commissioner Chris Casebeer moved, seconded by Commissioner Beebe Longstreet, and passed 6/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation to deny removal of the tree at 754 Firenze Place.

B. Deny the following Setback Tree removal requests.

- 1. 611 E. Victoria St. - (1) Washingtonia robusta, Mexican Fan Palm, (1) Phoenix spp., Date Palm - Susan L. Petty**

Commissioner Longstreet asked whether, if the owner has to replace the sewer line, the tree needs to be removed, or can it be done around the tree. Mr. Downey said that there are new methods to install sewer lines that do not involve complete trenching. He said he does not know if that is an option at this location, but that would be the first option to explore. Mr. Downey said that if the only option is trenching, and it could compromise the integrity of the tree, he would approve the removal administratively, regardless of what the Commission decides today.

Commissioner Casebeer stated he sympathizes with the applicant, but said it would make more sense if the applicant would consider having the contractor insert a sleeve from the inside of the house out to the sewer main to the street, the property owner is responsible. He said that way the tree could live on.

Chair Wiscomb stated that there was a question amongst the Street Tree Advisory Committee members, because there are hedges and other tall plantings, as to how do you differentiate between the palm roots and the roots for those plantings. She said it makes more sense to deny the request and allow the applicant to do the work, and then if the root system of the tree is compromised, Mr. Downey could administratively approve the removal of the tree.

Commissioner Trentacosti expressed empathy towards the applicant saying he too was in the same position as the applicant; however, he said he concurs with Chair Wiscomb's approach.

Commissioner Charlie Trentacosti moved, seconded by Commissioner Chris Casebeer, and passed 6/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation to deny the removal request for 611 E. Victoria Street.

2. 1717 A Bath St. - Liquidambar Styraciflua, American Sweetgum - Mikki Jee

Chair Wiscomb stated that the Street Tree Advisory Committee found no Municipal Code justification for the removal of the tree. She said the Committee was interested in seeing root pruning performed on the tree and the tree trimmed to control its size. Ms. Wiscomb further stated that the Street Tree Advisory Committee found no evidence of foundation damage. Ms. Wiscomb expressed concern about Mr. Downey's comment that removal of the tree might have a detrimental effect on the street tree. She said there are other steps that can be taken before the Commission takes a step and possibly jeopardizes a street tree in the process.

Commissioner Longstreet concurred with Chair Wiscomb and said Mr. Downey could perhaps provide suggestions with respect to root pruning.

Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Megan Alley, and passed 6/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation to deny the removal request for 1717 A Bath Street.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

5. Advisory Committee Liaison Appointments - For Action

Recommendation: That the Commission consider advisory committee liaison appointments.

Documents:

- Staff Report

Speakers:

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

The Commission finalized the Advisory Commission liaison appointments. Commissioner Casebeer accepted the appointment to the Arts and Crafts Show Advisory Committee. Commissioner Alley accepted the appointment to the Creeks Advisory Committee and the Lower Mission Creek Subcommittee. These were the only remaining Committees to be addressed.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

6. Creeks Division 2012 Report - For Information

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a presentation on the Creeks Restoration and Water Quality Improvement Division 2012 Report.

Documents:

- Staff Report
- Staff PowerPoint Presentation

Speakers:

- Staff: Cameron Benson, Creek Restoration/Clean Water Program Manager

7. Afterschool Program Report - For Information

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a report on the Parks and Recreation Department's Afterschool Programs.

Documents:

- Staff Report
- Staff PowerPoint Presentation

Speakers:

- Staff: Nancy L. Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director; Terry Brown, Recreation Supervisor; Jeff Smith, Recreation Supervisor

8. Annual Contributions Report - Fiscal Year 2012 - For Information

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a report on the donations and grants received by the Parks and Recreation Department during Fiscal Year 2012.

Documents:

- Staff Report

Speakers:

- Staff: Jill Zachary, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director

9. Fiscal Year 2012 Annual P3 Performance Measurement Report – For Information

Recommendation: That the Commission receive the Parks and Recreation Department Fiscal Year 2012 Performance Measurement Program (P3) year-end reports.

Documents:

- Staff Report

Speakers:

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:12 p.m., with no further action to be addressed by the Commission,

Commissioner Chris Casebeer moved, seconded by Commissioner Charlie Trentacosti, and passed 6/0 to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Rapp
Parks and Recreation Director