



## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** November 28, 2012

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department

**SUBJECT:** Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Commission:

A. Partially approve the following Street Tree removal request.

1. 1132 Crestline Dr. – (3) Washingtonia robusta, Mexican Fan Palm – Sheri C. Gardner

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the removal of the palm tree closest to the driveway. The Committee recommends the approval on the condition the applicant plants a 24" box Australian Willow Tree along the property at a location to be determined by City staff. Staff does not support a replacement tree at this location for spacing reasons. Due to a minor procedural error, the Committee's motion inadvertently did not cover the other two trees. Staff recommends the other two trees be denied. Staff also recommends that the approval of the tree closest to the driveway be conditioned on the applicant obtaining a Public Works permit for the driveway apron expansion.

B. Deny the following Setback Tree removal requests.

1. 307 Mellifont Ave. – (2) Syagrus romanzoffianum, Queen Palm – Marcos Christodoulou

The Committee recommends that the Commission deny the removals. The Committee determined that the reasons supplied by the applicant are not valid justification to remove these trees.

2. 1265 Kenwood Dr. – Pine spp., Pine – Giovanni Maciocia

The Committee recommends that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee determined that the reasons supplied by the applicant are not valid justification to remove this tree.

C. Approve the following changes to the Street Tree Master Plan

Agenda Item: \_\_\_\_\_

1. 0-100 blocks of Kimberly Ave. – consider additional species

The Public Works Department has initiated a project to replace the Mason Street bridge. The design of the bridge requires the re-alignment of Kimberly Avenue. No street trees are proposed for removal, but the project will create space for new trees. The Committee recommends that the Commission designate *Stenocarpus sinuatus*, Firewheel Tree as an additionally designated species.

2. 00 block of W. Mason St. – change street tree designation

There are two projects moving forward at the intersection of State Street and West Mason Street. The projects will provide parkways that support larger trees than the tree currently designated. The Committee recommends that the Commission designate *Jacaranda mimosifolia*, *Jacaranda* and *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palm as co-designated species to replace the current designated species.

- ATTACHMENTS:**
1. 1132 Crestline Dr.
  2. 307 Mellifont Ave.
  3. 1265 Kenwood Dr.
  4. 0-100 blocks of Kimberly Ave.
  5. 00 block of W. Mason St.

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