



## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** June 27, 2012

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Commission

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

**SUBJECT:** Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Commission:

A. Approve the following Setback Tree removal request.

1. 809 W. Sola St. – Pinus canariensis, Canary Island Pine – Liz Bush

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the removal. The Committee commented that principles of good forest management will best be served by the proposed removal.

B. Deny the following Setback Tree removal request.

1. 3526 Santa Maria Ln. – Liquidambar styraciflua, American Sweetgum – Arbor Services Inc. for Christina Anderson

This request was reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission on April 25, 2012. At that time, the Commission denied the removal, but voted to allow the applicant to return to the Commission with evidence of conditions and considerations within the Municipal Code that support the removal of the tree. The applicant has submitted an additional Arborist letter that is included in your packet. The Street Tree Advisory Committee's recommendation from April 5, 2012, was to deny the removal on the basis that removal of this tree would have a material impact to the immediate neighborhood with respect to forestation. Although replacing older trees with new ones to maintain age diversity is a strong consideration, staff concurs with the STAC recommendation.

C. Partially approve the following Street Tree removal request.

1. 227 Los Alamos Ave. – (1) Liquidambar styraciflua, American Sweetgum, (1) Yucca elephantipes, Giant Yucca – Mark and Melinda Miller

The Committee recommends that the Commission deny the removal of the American Sweetgum. The Committee commented that the reasons submitted by the applicant do not justify the removal. The Committee recommends that the

Commission approve the removal of the Giant Yucca, the tree is located too close to the driveway.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 809 W. Sola St.
2. 3526 Santa Maria Ln.
3. 227 Los Alamos Ave.

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