



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: July 25, 2012
TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department
SUBJECT: Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission:

A. Deny the following Street Tree removal requests.

1. 419 W. Islay St. – Pinus brutia, Calabrian Pine – Barbara Smith - Sherrill

The Committee recommends that the Commission deny the removal. Removal of this tree will not correct the problem of a leaking private lateral sewer line. The Committee commented that the reasons submitted by the applicant do not justify the removal. If the property owner makes repairs or replaces their sewer line, and the tree is in the way of those repairs, staff will remove the tree.

2. 1424 Pacific Ave. – Syzygium cumini, Java Plum – Mark Huggs

The applicant submitted a request to remove this tree thinking it was within the front setback of the property. Based on the descriptions in the Municipal Code, this tree is actually a street tree. This tree was not identified as a public tree in the City's tree inventory and therefore has not been maintained. If the Commission denies this removal, staff will schedule immediate trimming of the tree. The Committee recommends that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee commented that the reasons submitted by the applicant do not justify the removal.

B. Conditionally approve the following Setback Tree removal request.

1. 2023 Edgewater Way – Pinus halepensis, Aleppo Pine – Michael Broz

The Commission reviewed this item at the April 25, 2012, meeting. At that time, the item was postponed at the request of the applicant. The applicant wanted to amend the application to include a replacement tree and an arborist report on the existing tree. The Committee determined the potential development of the tree canopy would be limited by the necessary trimming work for the high voltage lines. Based on the potential development of the tree canopy, and the proposal to plant a tree in place of the existing tree, the Committee recommends that the

Commission approve the removal on the condition the applicant plant a replacement tree that can achieve a minimum 25' in height.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 419 W. Islay St.
2. 1424 Pacific Ave.
3. 2023 Edgewater Way

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