



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: October 24, 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 request.

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

The Committee recommends that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee determined the reasons supplied by the applicant are not sufficient justification to remove this tree. The Committee also determined the canopy of this tree can develop properly for many years to come. The condition of the sidewalk has been reported to the Public Works Department. At such time that Public Works makes repairs to the sidewalk, Parks Division staff will assess the necessary root pruning and make a determination whether the tree will remain safe.

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

The Committee recommends that the Commission deny the removals. The Committee determined the reasons supplied by the applicant are not sufficient justification for removal. Staff will work with the applicant to enable repairs while assessing the future safety of the trees.

2. 1717 A Bath St. – Liquidambar styraciflua, American Sweetgum – Mikki Jee

The Committee recommends that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee determined that the removal of this tree would have a significant impact on the immediate neighborhood. The Committee commented that the applicant should consider pruning to help control the size of the canopy. The

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Committee also determined that the tree roots can be pruned in order to make repairs to the steps and deck.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 754 Firenze Pl.
2. 611 E. Victoria St.
3. 1717 A Bath St.

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