



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: December 19, 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 Setback Tree removal request.

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

The Commission reviewed this item at the November 28, 2012, meeting. At that time the Commission postponed a decision until the applicant provided a plan for the French drain. The plan is attached to this report. The Committee recommends that the Commission affirm previous action to deny the removals. The Committee determined the reasons are still not sufficient justification to remove these trees. The Committee commented they would like staff to be notified 48 hours prior to installation of the French drain to allow staff the opportunity to be present at the time of installation to determine whether the necessary root pruning would destabilize the tree.

B. Conditionally approve the following Setback Tree removal request.

1. 841 Weldon Rd. – *Eucalyptus globules*, Blue Gum – Rachel A. Dudek

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve removal on the condition a tree that can achieve 20' height be planted within 15' from the current tree. The Committee commented that there appears to be room adjacent to the sidewalk.

C. Deny the following Setback Tree removal request.

1. 229 La Jolla Dr. – *Pinus radiata*, Monterey Pine – Quality Tree Care for Linda Carosella

The Committee recommends that the Commission, without prejudice, deny the removal based on the information provided. The Committee recommends

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allowing the applicant to come back with information such as proof of foundation damage and/or any information related to the safety of the tree.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 307 Mellifont Ave.
2. 841 Weldon Rd.
3. 229 La Jolla Dr.

PREPARED BY: Tim Downey, Urban Forest Superintendent

SUBMITTED BY: Jill E. Zachary, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director

APPROVED BY: Nancy L. Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director

**FRONT YARD SET BACK TREE REMOVAL
REQUEST**

December 2012
Continued from November

Date: 10/9/12

Requested by: Marcos Christodoulou

Address: 307 Mellifont Ave., Santa Barbara, CA 93103

Location of Tree: 307 Mellifont Ave.

Tree Species: (2) Syagrus romanzoffianum *Common Name:* Queen Palm

Zoning/Setback: R – 2 10' Setback

Reason for Removal: Palms are incompatible with style, scale and general appearance. Overhead utility cables run right through them, posing a certain and rather serious risk when fronds collapse. Also root incursion, and very close to water and gas line paths. Finally we are concerned about the danger of damage to the structure in the case of strong winds.

Proposed Replacement: Yes No 9 fruit trees already planted

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Conditionally Approve Removal: Deny Removal:

Staff Recommendation: Conditionally Approve Removal: Deny Removal:

Date Posted: 12/11/12

Comments: The Committee recommends that the Commission affirm previous action to deny the removals. The Committee determined the reasons are still not sufficient justification to remove these trees. The Committee commented they would like staff to be notified 48 hours prior to installation of the French drain to allow staff the opportunity to be present at the time of installation to determine whether the necessary root pruning would destabilize the tree.

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**FRONT YARD SET BACK TREE REMOVAL
REQUEST**

December 2012

Date: 10/21/12

Requested by: Rachel A. Dudek

Address: 841 Weldon Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93109

Location of Tree: 841 Weldon Rd.

Tree Species: Eucalyptus globulus

Common Name: Blue Gum

Zoning/Setback: R – 2 15' Setback

Reason for Removal: The tree is not healthy and is continually dropping branches and dead leaves. It is also overshadowing and killing a Japanese maple.

Proposed Replacement: Yes No

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Conditionally Approve Removal: Deny Removal:

Staff Recommendation: Conditionally Approve Removal: Deny Removal:

Date Posted: 12/11/12

Comments: The Committee recommends that the Commission approve removal on the condition a tree that can achieve 20' height be planted within 15' from the current tree. The Committee commented that there appears to be room adjacent to the sidewalk.

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**FRONT YARD SET BACK TREE REMOVAL
REQUEST**

December 2012

Date: 11/2/12

Requested by: Quality Tree Care for Linda Carosella

Address: 2 El Camino Ratel, Goleta, CA 93117

Location of Tree: 229 La Jolla Dr., Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Tree Species: Pinus radiata *Common Name:* Monterey Pine

Zoning/Setback: E – 3/SD – 3 20' Setback

Reason for Removal: Roots are invasive; damaging retaining walls and foundation, taking over the front yard.

Proposed Replacement: Yes No

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approve Removal: Deny Removal:

Staff Recommendation: Approve Removal: Deny Removal:

Date Posted: 12/11/12

Comments: The Committee recommends that the Commission, without prejudice, deny the removal based on the information provided. The Committee recommends allowing the applicant to come back with information such as proof of foundation damage and or any information related to the safety of the tree.

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