



**City of Santa Barbara
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Regular Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday, February 22, 2012

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chair Wiscomb.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners & Staff Present

Commissioner Lesley Wiscomb
Commissioner W. Scott Burns
Commissioner Nicolas Ferrara
Commissioner Beebe Longstreet
Commissioner Charlie Trentacosti
Commission Intern Michael Yi
Parks & Recreation Director Nancy Rapp
Asst. Parks & Recreation Director Jill Zachary
Urban Forest Superintendent Timothy Downey
Executive Assistant Karla Megill
Parks Manager Santos Escobar, Jr.
Recreation Programs Manager Sarah Hanna
Neighborhood and Outreach Coordinator II Ricardo Venegas
Neighborhood & Outreach Services Sr. Supervisor Mark Alvarado
Project Engineer John Ilasin

Commissioners & Staff Absent

Commissioner Chris Casebeer
Commissioner Rocky Jacobson

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Speakers: Wanda Livernois

COMMUNITY SERVICE RECOGNITION

1. **Community Recognition of Volunteers and Supporters of the Neighborhood and Outreach Services Annual Holiday Dinner - For Action**

Recommendation: That the Commission recognize volunteers and supporters of the Neighborhood and Outreach Services Annual Holiday Dinner.

Document:

- Staff Report

Speakers:

- Staff: Ricardo Venegas, Neighborhood & Outreach Services Coordinator

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

Chair Wiscomb acknowledged that Michael Yi is one of the National Merit Scholarship Finalists.

Youth Intern Yi provided this report.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS

Commissioner Ferrara reported on the activities of the Neighborhood Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Longstreet reported on the activities of the Neighborhood Advisory Council and the Parks and Recreation Community (PARC) Foundation.

Commissioner Burns reported on the activities of the Parks and Recreation Community (PARC) Foundation.

Commissioner Trentacosti reported on the activities of the Golf Advisory Committee.

Chair Wiscomb reported on the activities of the Street Tree Advisory Committee.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Rapp briefed the Commission that during the April meeting, the Commission will receive the Parks and Recreation Fiscal Year 2013 Proposed Budget. She said that in March, pre-budget items will be on the agenda. Ms. Rapp further suggested that during the March meeting, the Commission receive a brief presentation on the Infrastructure Task Force Report, engage in discussions on the report, and revisit some of the recommendations, and formulate recommendations to City Council, to which the Commission agreed.

Ms. Rapp introduced Mark Alvarado, New Senior Supervisor, Neighborhood and Outreach Services.

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Summary of Council Actions - For Information

3. Approval of Minutes - For Action

Recommendation: That the Commission waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 25, 2012.

Commissioner Nicolas Ferrara moved, seconded by Commissioner Beebe Longstreet, and passed 5/0 to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 25, 2012.

STREET TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ITEMS

4. Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations - For Action

Recommendation: That the Commission:

Document:

- Staff Report
- Staff PowerPoint Presentation

Speakers:

- Staff: Nancy L. Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director; Tim Downey, Urban Forest Superintendent; John Ilasin, Project Engineer

A. Conditionally approve the following Street Tree removal request.

1. 101 W. Montecito St. - (3) Jacaranda mimosifolia, Jacaranda, (2) Phoenix canariensis, Canary Island Date Palms and (11) Syzygium paniculatum, Brush Cherry - Malinda Reese, Project Engineer, City of Santa Barbara Public Works Department

Chair Wiscomb reviewed what the Commission would like to see in the reconstruction of the park, after the culvert is constructed, as discussed during the site visit:

1. Improved access around and possibly through the park;
2. Improved measures for long-term maintenance of the park;
3. Improved public safety;

4. Consideration of proper amenities for the park, including trash cans, benches, and whatever else would be deemed appropriate;
5. Making the park a more inviting space;
6. Protecting the fig tree;
7. That consideration of the Integrated Pest Management Program be included in the maintenance plan, that the plan not be constrained, but the Commission wants those things considered;
8. Aesthetics of the park is important with electricity and other boxes that need to be there, specifically that they be well-placed.

The Commission expressed that they would like to see a plan that addressed the items above, which is beyond the replacement of the trees, and actually improves the park and provides some much needed improvements to the area.

Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Nicolas Ferrara, and passed 5/0 to accept the removals at 101 W. Montecito St., conditional upon the issuance of permits.

Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seeing that the Morton Bay Fig tree is an important Landmark in Santa Barbara, and the Park is heavily visited by residents and tourists, this project affects half of the square footage of that park and visually impacts the area, the Commission requires that the landscape plan be developed that includes the tree replacement plan, all the landscaped areas with consideration for on-going maintenance and integrated pest management considerations; safety of park visitors, the aesthetics of the park; that the Morton Bay Fig Tree be protected first and foremost, and that pedestrian access be improved; that the landscape plan is required to be a part of the project; and further that the landscape plan is required to come back to the Commission for approval.

The motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Trentacosti expressed concern that the motions are not contingent one on the other.

Ms. Rapp commented that Commissioner Trentacosti made a valid point. She suggested the Commission amend the first motion to include the reference to the landscape plan and allow the second motion to define the scope of the landscape plan. Ms. Rapp said that alternatively, the Commission could rescind the original motion and make one motion including combining all actions.

Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Charlie Trentacosti, and passed 5/0 to rescind the original motion accepting the removals at 101 W. Montecito conditional upon the issuance of permits.

Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Nicolas Ferrara, and passed 5/0 to approve the removal of these trees on the condition that a permit is issued for the project and a landscape plan is approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission with the following consideration: seeing that the Morton Bay Fig tree is an important Landmark in Santa Barbara, that the Park is heavily visited by residents and tourists, and that this project affects half of the square footage of that park and visually impacts the area, the Commission requires that a landscape plan be developed that includes the tree replacement plan, all the landscaped areas with consideration for on-going maintenance and integrated pest management considerations; safety of park visitors, the aesthetics of the park; that the Morton Bay Fig Tree be protected first and foremost, and that pedestrian access be improved; that the landscape plan is required to be a part of the project; and further that the landscape plan is required to come back to the Commission for approval.

B. Deny or conditionally approve the following Front Yard Setback Tree removal request.

1. 2014 El Camino de la Luz - Eucalyptus, Eucalyptus - John D. Seigel Boettner

Chair Wiscomb recused herself from this item because she lives within 600 feet of the property.

Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Chris Casebeer, and passed 3/1 to concur with staff recommendation on the condition the replacement tree is a fruit tree of the resident's choice for 2014 El Camino de la Luz.

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

1. Whiterose Ln. (cross street N. Hope Ave.) – designate a new species – new proposed street

Commissioner Chris Casebeer moved, seconded by Commissioner Charlie Trentacosti, and passed 5/0 to concur with the staff recommendation to designate the White Jacaranda tree as the designated tree species for Whiterose Lane.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

5. Advisory Committee Interview and Appointment - For Action (Attachment)

Recommendation: That the Commission conduct an interview and make one appointment to the Golf Advisory Committee,

Document:

- Staff Report

Speakers:

- Staff: Nancy Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director

Ms. Ostergren was not present to be interviewed. This item will be continued until the March 2012 agenda.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:11 p.m., with no further business to be addressed by the Commission,

Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Nicolas Ferrara, and passed 5/0 to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Rapp
Parks and Recreation Director