



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

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
Regular Monthly Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 27, 2013**

**Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Chair Wiscomb

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners & Staff Present**

Commissioner Megan Alley  
Commissioner Chris Casebeer  
Commissioner Nicolas Ferrara  
Commissioner Christina Gonzalez  
Commissioner Beebe Longstreet  
Commissioner Charlie Trentacosti  
Commissioner Lesley Wiscomb  
Parks & Recreation Youth Intern Kate Yee  
Parks & Recreation Director Nancy Rapp  
Asst. Parks & Recreation Director Jill Zachary  
Urban Forest Superintendent Timothy Downey  
Executive Assistant Karla Megill  
Recreation Program Manager Judith McCaffrey  
Parks Manager Santos Escobar, Jr.  
Recreation Programs Manager Sarah Hanna  
Creeks Manager Cameron Benson  
Creeks Supervisor George Johnson  
Inclusion Coordinator Julie Thomas  
Parks Project Technician Keven Strasburg

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA** - Ms. Rapp asked the Commission to address Item 4, Advisory Committee Interview and Appointment, immediately following Item 2, Approval of Minutes. She further asked that Item 7, Cabrillo Ball Field and Kids World Status Report, be addressed immediately following Item 3, Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS** - None

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Speakers: Kenneth Loch

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE RECOGNITION** - None

**YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT** - Youth Intern Yee provided this report.

## **COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS**

Commissioner Alley reported on the activities of the Creeks Advisory Committee. Ms. Alley added that she attended the Ribbon Cutting for the Moser Meadow Area at Elings Park.

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

Commissioner Gonzalez reported on the activities of the Youth Council.

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

Chair Wiscomb reported that she attended the Public meeting on the Urban Forest Management Plan. She said she attended the City Council Budget meeting on February 6th, speaking in support of the Department's proposed budget. Ms. Wiscomb then reported on the activities of the Street Tree Advisory Committee.

## **COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Ms. Rapp reviewed the budget timeline and said the Parks and Recreation Proposed budget will be presented to the Commission at the regular meeting of April 24th. She reported that City Council will receive the presentation of the Proposed 6-Year Capital Program on March 5th. Ms. Rapp reminded the Commission that staff gave them a brief presentation on the proposed Parks and Recreation 6-Year Capital Projects at their February meeting, the total of which was over \$60 million in unfunded identified needs in the various parks and facilities for deferred maintenance and improvements to preserve facilities for the future. Ms. Rapp indicated that Chair Wiscomb plans to attend the Council meeting to speak to the comments from the Commission; she said that if any other Commissioners are able to attend the meeting and wish to provide their comments to City Council, this would be the time to talk about infrastructure and the Department's significant needs. Ms. Rapp further said that there will be a follow-up workshop to begin discussing that subject with the public to move it forward. Ms. Rapp said she would notify the Commission once that workshop is scheduled, saying that would be another opportunity to help find ways to protect and preserve parks and recreation infrastructure for future generations.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **1. Summary of Council Actions - For Information**

The Commission received the report.

**2. Approval of Minutes - For Action**

Recommendation: That the Commission waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 23, 2013.

**Commissioner Chris Casebeer moved, seconded by Commissioner Beebe Longstreet, and passed 6/0 to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 23, 2013.**

**Commissioner Ferrara abstained.**

**4. Advisory Committee Interview and Appointment - For Action**

Recommendation: That the Commission hold interviews and make appointments to the Golf Advisory Committee.

Documents:

- Staff Report

Speakers:

- Staff: Nancy L. Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director

**Commissioner Chris Casebeer moved, seconded by Commissioner Charlie Trentacosti, and passed 7/0 to appoint Robert Michael Garcia to the Golf Advisory Committee, representing the community at large, for a term ending December 31, 2014**

**STREET TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ITEMS**

**3. Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendation - For Action**

Recommendation: That the Commission:

Documents:

- Staff Report

- Staff PowerPoint

Speakers:

- Staff: Tim Downey, Urban Forest Superintendent

- Members of the Public: Item 3A(1) - Kim Hughes; Item 3B(1) - Phil Suding

**A. Partially approve the following Setback Tree removal request with conditions.**

**1. 1111 Luneta Plaza - (9) Cupressus macrocarpa, Monterey Cypress - Arbor Services, Inc. for Median Group**

**Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Chris Casebeer, and passed 7/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation to approve the removal of eight (8) trees at 1111 Luneta Plaza on the condition the applicant replace the trees with three, 15-gallon designated street trees at locations determined by City staff, plants one setback tree that can achieve a minimum height of up to 25', and, further the applicant attain a permit from Public Works to repair the public sidewalk.**

**B. Conditionally approve the following Street Tree removal request.**

**1. 901 E. Cabrillo Blvd. - (2) Phoenix canariensis, (1) Brachychiton discolor, (2) Cordyline australis and (4) Ficus benjamina - Philip Suding Agent for Richard V. Gunner and Margaret S. Gunner**

Commissioner Alley expressed reluctance to revisit the original decision to approve the removal with the condition that they are relocated, saying that making a second approval with an additional condition, might chisel away the original intent.

Chair Wiscomb said the trees are pretty special trees and she would support the trees being investigated further for relocation, but allowing their removal for the permitting process to continue for a greater public benefit; the sidewalks in that area. She said that is an underserved area for pedestrians and the sidewalks would greatly enhance the area. Commissioner Alley concurred with Chair Wiscomb that the addition of a sidewalk is very important.

Commissioner Ferrara asked whether if the Commissioner determines that the trees are to be relocated to the opposite side of the street they are permitted to do so. Mr. Downey said that after the Commission's September 2012 approval, Mr. Suding and he met and determined that there is space in the park in a planter directly across the street. He said that staff concurs that would be a good location for the trees.

Commissioner Longstreet commented that if a person comes up with the funding to do a project this is part of it. She said it is a commercial property and will benefit by the trees being relocated across the street. Ms. Longstreet said there is a benefit to the entire area. She said she is having difficulty concurring with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation on this item. She said she needs to stand behind their original recommendation, but at the same time wants to see the sidewalk go in and the project move forward as it is an important corner; any

improvements in the area are going to be well-deserved. Ms. Longstreet stated that the trees need to be relocated.

Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Megan Alley, and passed 7/0 to uphold the original motion of September 26, 2012, to relocate the trees with respect to 901 E. Cabrillo Boulevard and the (2) Phoenix canariensis.

Commissioner Lesley Wiscomb moved, seconded by Commissioner Beebe Longstreet, and passed 7/0 to approve the removals as proposed with the following conditions: one of quarterlines gets relocated and that the City retains the right to require replacement of Brachychiton with a designated street tree if they so choose, with respect to Orilla Del Mar.

**C. Consider the following change of designation**

**1. 2100-2500 blocks of Chapala St.**

Commissioner Nicolas Ferrara moved, seconded by Commissioner Charlie Trentacosti, and passed 7/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation to change the species designated for the 2100-2500 blocks of Chapala Street.

**OLD BUSINESS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS - None**

**7. Cabrillo Ball Field and Kids World Status Report - For Information**

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a status report on the Cabrillo Ball Field Renovation Project and the Kids World Renovation Project.

Documents:

- Staff Report
- Staff PowerPoint

Speakers:

- Staff: Nancy L. Rapp, Parks & Recreation Director; Jill Zachary, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director; Keven Strasburg, Parks Projects Technician

The Commission received the report, and their questions were answered.

**5. Storm Water Infiltration Demonstration Projects - For Information**

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a report on the Creeks Division's Storm Water Infiltration Demonstration Projects.

Documents:

- Staff Report
- Staff PowerPoint

Speakers:

- Staff: Cameron Benson, Creeks Program Manager

The Commission received the report, and their questions were answered.

**6. Inclusion Program - For Information**

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a presentation on the Inclusion Program.

Documents:

- Staff Report
- Staff PowerPoint

Speakers:

- Staff: Nancy Rapp, Parks & Recreation Director; Julie Thomas, Inclusion Coordinator

The Commission received the report, and their questions were answered.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:15 p.m., with no further action to be addressed by the Commission,

**Commissioner Charlie Trentacosti moved, seconded by Commissioner Beebe Longstreet, and passed 7/0 to adjourn**

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Rapp  
Parks and Recreation Director