



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: March 27, 2013
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 requests.

1. 3731 Capri Dr. – Sequoia sempervirens, Coast Redwood – Bob Colombana

The Committee recommends (4-0) that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee determined the tree is not in danger of falling and removing it will be a substantial material impact to the immediate neighborhood.

2. 245 Coleman Ave. – Araucaria columnaris, Cook Pine – Dave and Nancy Shatz

The Committee recommends (4-0) that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee determined the tree is not a safety hazard, and it does not impede reasonable development of the property. The Committee commented that the driveway could be widened to a lesser degree without removal of the tree. The Public Works Department is investigating whether the widened driveway apron has an impact on the parking in the area and whether it was installed to City specifications.

B. Consider the following change of designation

1. Luneta Plaza – consider a change of species

The parkways along Luneta Plaza are of varying size. The parkways on the North side of the street are 9 feet wide, while the parkways on the south side vary between 3 to 4 feet. The Committee determined that some of the parkways on the south side of Luneta Plaza are too small for the currently designated tree, *Pyrus kawakamii*, Evergreen Pear, and that the north side parkways are much larger and would support a larger tree.

The Committee recommends (4-0) that the Commission co-designate *Eucalyptus erythrocorys*, and *Eucalyptus torquata* for all of Luneta Plaza. The Committee further recommends the Commission designate *Corymbia (Eucalyptus) ficifolia* for the north side only, due to larger parkways. The Committee commented that the *Eucalyptus cinerea* currently on the street is doing well and other *Eucalyptus* trees would compliment it.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 3731Capri Dr.
2. 245 Coleman Ave.
3. Luneta Plaza

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