



## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** August 28, 2013

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department

**SUBJECT:** Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Commission:

A. Partially approve the following Setback Tree removal requests, with conditions.

1. 2946 De La Vina St. – (1) *Pinus halepensis*, Aleppo Pine, (1) *Pinus pinea*, Italian Stone Pine, (3) *Pinus canariensis*, Canary Island Pines – Foothill Pacific, LLC

The Committee recommends (4/0) that the Commission approve the removal of (1) *Pinus halepensis*, Aleppo Pine, (1) *Pinus pinea*, Italian Stone Pine, and (2) *Pinus canariensis*, Canary Island Pine trees, and deny the removal of (1) *Pinus canariensis*, Canary Island Pine closest to the building. The Committee recommends the approvals on the condition the applicant provides three replacement trees that can achieve a minimum height of 30 feet and that are appropriately sized for the available planters. If, at some point in the future, the applicant makes repairs to the hardscape, and City staff determines that the tree closest to the building would be destabilized and should not remain for safety reasons, a fourth replacement tree is conditioned with the same height and size requirements as the other three replacement trees.

2. 3714-3744 State St. – (1) *Jacaranda mimosifolia*, Jacaranda, (1) *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palm – Ken Marshall, Dudek

The Commission reviewed a project at this location at its November 18, 2009, meeting. At that time, the Commission approved the relocation of six front setback trees. The project design has changed since then. The applicant is now proposing removal of one of the six trees previously approved for relocation (*Washingtonia robusta*), and a second tree (*Jacaranda mimosifolia*) not previously proposed for removal.

The Committee recommends (4/0) that the Commission approve the removal of the *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palm and deny the removal of the *Jacaranda mimosifolia*, Jacaranda. The Committee determined that removal of

the palm tree would not be a significant impact on the urban forest. The Committee believes the Jacaranda tree is of great value to the streetscape and should be preserved.

The Committee further discussed options to preserve the Jacaranda tree and potential construction impacts to the *Cedrus atlantica*, Atlas Cedar that is not proposed for removal.

The Committee requests the site plan be altered to provide preservation of the Jacaranda tree by redesigning the entry driveway. The Committee further commented that they are grateful for the applicant's intended preservation of the Atlas Cedar because it is an extremely valuable specimen to the area. The Committee, however, is extremely concerned about the potential impacts of the proposed construction to the tree. The proposed excavation for the adjacent building's foundation and patio will result in damage to the tree's roots within its critical root zone. The Committee commented that any construction within the tree's drip line will have the potential to significantly impact the tree. The Committee requests the applicant provide a revised landscape plan prior to final design approval.

B. Approve the following Setback Tree removal request.

1. 802 W. Pedregosa St. – Quercus agrifolia, Coast Live Oak – Brian Wingate

The Committee recommends (4/0) that the Commission approve the removal. The Committee determined that in the current location, there is not room for the development of the tree's canopy.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 2946 De La Vina St.
2. 3714-3744 State St.
3. 802 W. Pedregosa St.

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