



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: May 22, 2013

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission:

A. Conditionally approve the following Setback Tree removal request.

1. 1349 Portesuello Ave. – (2) Tipuana tipu, Tipu – Amanda Bacon

The applicant, Amanda Bacon, was present at the Committee meeting. Although her application indicates she will not replace the Tipuana tipu trees, she told the Committee that she would be willing to replace the trees with an olive tree on the opposite side of the existing olive in the front yard.

The Committee recommends (4-0) that the Commission approve the removal request on the condition the applicant replace with an olive tree as proposed at the Committee meeting. The Committee determined that both the existing olive tree and the City tree will benefit from the removal of these trees.

B. Partially approve the following Setback Tree removal request.

1. 212 E. Mission St. – (1) Cinnamomum camphora, Camphor Tree, (1) Betula pendula, European White Birch – Sandra Moss

The Committee determined that the camphor tree is damaging the public sidewalk; the roots are in contact with the sandstone foundation; and the tree is sprouting from the roots in the planter of the adjacent property and the public parkway. Additionally, the Committee determined the adjacent olive tree will benefit from the removal of the camphor tree. The Committee determined the birch tree roots can be managed to accommodate repair of driveway and walkway.

The Committee recommends (4-0) that the Commission approve the removal of the camphor tree and deny the removal of the birch tree.

C. Consider the following co- designations.

1. 200 block of W. Cota St. – consider an additional species

The Committee recommends (4-0) that the Commission co-designate Magnolia grandiflora 'Samuel Sommer', Samuel Sommer Magnolia and Brachychiton discolor, Pink Flame Tree for the 200 block of W. Cota St. If adopted by the Commission, these designations will replace the current designation of Magnolia 'Little Gem'.

2. 200 block of W. Canon Perdido St. – consider Afrocarpus gracilior, African Fern Pine as co-designation

The Committee recommends (4-0) that the Commission add Afrocarpus gracilior, African Fern Pine as a co-designated tree for the 200 block of W. Canon Perdido St.

- ATTACHMENTS:**
1. 1349 Portesuello Ave.
 2. 212 E. Mission St.
 3. 200 block of W. Cota St.
 4. 200 block of W. Canon Perdido St.

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