



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: August 27, 2014
TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department
SUBJECT: Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission:

A. Approve the following Street Tree removal request.

1. 1716 and 1720 Calle Poniente – *Ficus Nitida*, Indian Laurel Fig – Michael Selman (Attachment 1)

The Committee recommends (5/0) that the Commission approve the removal. The Committee determined the location of the tree is an inappropriate location for any tree and that small oak saplings on the property behind this tree would benefit from the proposed removal.

B. Deny the following Street Tree removal request:

1. 730 Flora Vista Dr. – *Schinus terebinthifolius*, Brazilian Pepper – Rusty and Marilynn Thomasson (Attachment 2)

The Committee recommends (5/0) that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee determined that the reasons supplied by the applicant are insufficient to justify removal.

C. Approve the following Setback Tree removal request.

1. 125 E. Pedregosa St. – *Acacia melanoxylon*, Black Acacia – Erin Carroll (Attachment 3)

The Committee recommends (5/0) that the Commission approve removal of the tree. The Committee determined that a defect in the tree will eventually cause the tree to break apart and that adjacent palms on private property would benefit from the removal.

D. Deny the following Setback Tree removal request.

1. 1900 E. Las Tunas Rd. – *Platanus racemosa*, California Sycamore – Brandon Arlington (Attachment 4)

The Committee recommends (5/0) that the Commission deny the removal. There are no reported tree roots in the sewer lines mentioned in the application. The Committee determined that the tree is healthy, is a benefit to the neighborhood, and complements adjacent native trees.

E. Conditionally approve the following Setback Tree removal request.

1. 3779 Lincolnwood Dr. – (1) *Jacaranda mimosifolia*, Jacaranda, (1) *Ficus carica*, Edible Fig and (1) *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palm – David R. Black (Attachment 5)

The Committee recommends (4/1) that the Commission approve removal of (1) *Ficus carica*, Edible Fig, (1) *Jacaranda mimosifolia*, Jacaranda, and (1) *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palm on the condition the applicant replace with (2) 24" box Jacaranda trees as proposed. The Committee determined the construction of the proposed wall would compromise the tree's roots. The dissenting member would like the proposed wall relocated to preserve some of the trees.

F. Partially approve or deny the following Setback Tree removal request.

1. 3753 Lincoln Rd. – (2) *Liquidambar styraciflua*, American Sweetgum – Christian P. Nolte (Attachment 6)

Staff recommends the Commission approve the removal of the tree at the location of the proposed driveway and deny the removal of the other tree. The Committee recommends (4/1) that the Commission deny removal of both trees.

The Committee suggests that by switching the positions of the proposed garage and storage room, and designing a curved driveway from the middle of the lot, the removal of this tree becomes unnecessary. The Committee further determined that the other reasons supplied by the applicant are insufficient to justify the removals. The dissenting member would have voted to approve the removal at the location of the proposed driveway due to increased areas of hardscape that would be required for a curved driveway and reduced area for other landscaping.

Staff checked with the Public Works Department to determine if room existed on the lot for safe turning movements with a curved driveway. Public Works staff

confirmed there is room. Staff then checked with Community Development Department staff to determine if there is time in the review process to switch the positions of the proposed garage and storage area without delaying approval of the project. Community Development staff determined there is time for this switch if it becomes necessary.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 1716 and 1720 Calle Poniente
2. 730 Flora Vista Dr.
3. 125 E. Pedregosa St.
4. 1900 E. Las Tunas Rd.
5. 3779 Lincolnwood Dr.
6. 3753 Lincoln Rd.

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