CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: May 27, 2015

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Street Tree Advisory Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission:

A.   Conditionally approve the following Setback Tree removal requests:

1.   1208 Bajada – *(1) Ficus macrophylla,* Moreton Bay Fig, *(3) Strelitzia nicolai*, Giant Bird of Paradise clumps – James L. Armstrong

The Committee (3/0) recommends that the Commission approve all the removals on the condition the applicant replace with a minimum 15-gallon, low and spreading tree.

2.   3108 Calle Madera – *Tipuana tipu*, Tipu – J. Vince Agapito

The Committee (3/0) recommends that the Commission approve the removal on the condition the applicant replace with a minimum 24" box that has the potential to achieve a canopy similar to the existing tree.

B.   Deny the following Setback Tree removal request:

1.   33 Ocean View – *(2) Lophostemon confertus,* Brisbane Box – Amanda Hilton

At the April 24, 2013, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, the Commission approved the removal of the tree closest to the gas meters. That tree has since been removed. The gas lines are well away from the trees requested with this application. The Committee determined that there was no evidence that the utility lines are currently being damaged by the trees. They further determined the roots of the trees could be pruned adjacent to the wall without removal of the trees.

The Committee (3/0) recommends that the Commission deny the removals. The Committee determined there was no clear evidence of damage that cannot be mitigated through root pruning.

ATTACHMENT: 1.   1208 Bajada
                        2.   3108 Calle Madera
                        3.   33 Ocean View

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