



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: October 28, 2015

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 requests:

1. 100 block of W. Gutierrez St. – Various Street Trees – Public Works Engineering, Jim Colton

The Committee (5/0) recommends that the Commission approve the removals as presented on the application. The City of Santa Barbara Public Works Department is replacing the structurally deficient bridge over Mission Creek in the 100 block of W. Gutierrez Street. The four trees proposed for removal are in direct conflict with the bridge replacement and cannot be protected in place. There is a segment of street parkway within the project limits that is proposed to be planted with two new Marina Strawberry Trees, the designated species for this block.

2. 300 block of W. De La Guerra St. – *Syagrus romanzoffianum*, Queen Palm – Public Works Engineering, Jim Colton

The Committee (5/0) recommends that the Commission approve the removal of a *Syagrus romanzoffianum*, Queen Palm. The City of Santa Barbara Public Works Department is replacing the structurally deficient bridge over Mission Creek in the 300 block of W. De La Guerra Street. The tree proposed for removal is in direct conflict with the bridge replacement and cannot be protected in place. The project is proposing to plant up to seven replacement Queen Palms. The actual number and locations will be determined after the location of underground utilities has been verified.

3. 600 block of W. Anapamu St. – Various Street Trees - Public Works Engineering, Jim Colton

The Committee (5/0) recommends that the Commission approve the removals as presented on the application. The City of Santa Barbara Public Works

Department is replacing the structurally deficient bridge over Mission Creek in the 600 block of W. Anapamu Street. The widening of the bridge results in the removal of six trees within City right of way. The area along the creek will be replanted with trees outside of the City right of way, with the tree canopy shading the sidewalk near the bridge.

B. Approve the following change to the Street Tree Master Plan:

1. Lighthouse Way – Street Tree Designation for New Street – Martha Degasis with Arcadia Studio

The Committee (4/0) recommends that the Commission approve *Prosopis glandulosa*, Honey Mesquite as the designated street tree for a new street, Lighthouse Way. This species is one of two recommended by the applicant. The Committee determined this specie would fit well in the proposed cul-de-sac. Due to the topography of the site, there is no room for street trees along the Meigs Road side of this project. The Committee commented that they would like to see *Metrosideros excelsa*, New Zealand Christmas Tree used on private property along the street frontage of Meigs Road (the currently designated street tree for Meigs Road).

- ATTACHMENTS:**
1. 100 block of W. Gutierrez St.
 2. 300 block of W. De La Guerra St.
 3. 600 block of W. Anapamu St.
 4. Lighthouse Way – New Street

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