



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: March 25, 2015

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Street Tree Advisory Recommendations - Library Plaza Improvement Project

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission:

- A. Approve the Library Plaza Improvement Project Tree removal request:
1. 40 E. Anapamu St. – various trees – Irene Macias

The Library Department desires to improve the usability and accessibility of the library grounds. The Library Plaza Improvement Project (Project) was before the Commission on November 16, 2011, and again on January 22, 2014. Each time, the Commission provided comments on the proposed project. As required by the Municipal Code, the Library Department is now requesting action for the tree removal and replacement plans.

The Project calls for opening up visibility of the main entrance and grading, which will impact existing trees. In the 2011 review, the Project proposed a tree removal, relocation, and planting plan that provided a net decrease of 19 trees for the Library grounds. At that time, the project proposed to remove three large *Corymbia*, (*Eucalyptus*) *citriodora*, Lemon Scented Gum Trees, in front of the main entrance. The Street Tree Advisory Committee and the Parks and Recreation Commission commented that these significant trees should be preserved. On October 23, 2012, the three *Corymbia citriodora* trees in front of the main entrance and two at the Library Avenue entrance were designated Historic Trees by City Council.

The current Project has expanded to include improvements for the entire Library grounds. This would require the removal of one additional tree and the relocation of one additional tree. With the planting of additional trees, the net loss of trees for the project remains at 19 trees.

The Committee (3/0) recommends that the Commission approve the removal and replacement of all trees as submitted on their application.

ATTACHMENT: 40 E. Anapamu St.

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