AGENDA DATE: January 28, 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. 2212 De La Vina St. – *Jacaranda mimosifolia*, Jacaranda – Wilifred Alire, Trustee

This tree is suffering from damage to the base of the trunk and effects of the drought. Although unhealthy, the tree does not appear to be unstable at this time. The applicant is not proposing to replace the tree. The Committee determined that the area is in need of tree canopy. The Committee (3/0) recommends that the Commission approve the removal on the condition the applicant replace with a tree that can achieve the height of 25 ft.

2. 402 Vista De La Playa Dr. – (2) *Pinus halepensis*, Aleppo Pine – Diane Barrickman

The Committee determined that the health of the existing trees will continue to deteriorate. The disorder in these trees has not been identified and no cure is known. Based on the progression of the disorder, it will kill the trees within the next two to three years. By removing these trees and replacing them with a different species, the site will be improved with respect to forestation. The Committee (3/0) recommends that the Commission approve the removal of both trees on the condition the applicant replaces with (4) *Ficus benjamina*, Weeping Fig, 15-gallon minimum trees.

ATTACHMENT: 1. 2212 De La Vina St.
2. 402 Vista De La Playa Dr.

PREPARED BY: Tim Downey, Urban Forest Superintendent
SUBMITTED BY:  Jill E. Zachary, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director

APPROVED BY:  Nancy L. Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director