



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, February 24, 2016
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lesley Wiscomb called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. at City Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Lesley Wiscomb

ROLL CALL

Commissioners and Staff Present

Chair Lesley Wiscomb
Commissioner LeeAnne French
Commissioner Beebe Longstreet
Commissioner Ed Cavazos
Commissioner Nichol Clark
Commissioner Jim Heaton
Urban Forest Superintendent Timothy Downey
Creeks Water Resources Specialist Timothy Burgess
Recreation Neighborhood and Outreach Coordinator II Ricardo Venegas
Recreation Manager Judith McCaffrey
Executive Assistant Teasha Blackman
Public Works Project Engineer II Andrew Grubb

Commissioners Absent

Vice Chair Mark Rincon-Ibarra

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: Agenda Item 5 moved before Agenda Item 4

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Trish May – Hale Park Steps
Sunny Ingalls – Hale Park Steps
Frank Randall – Hale Park Steps
Dana Simpson – Hale Park Steps

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT: The Commission received the report from Camille Cosio, 2nd Vice Chair.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS:

Commissioner French was out of town for the Arts and Crafts meeting.

Commissioner Heaton reported on the joint meeting of the Creeks Advisory Council and Parks and Recreation Commission.

Commissioner Longstreet reported on the Neighborhood Advisory Council. She was unable to attend the entire Local Coastal Plan Update (LCP) meeting.

Commissioner Cavazos reported on the City Council meeting item for the Cabrillo Ball Park and the Parks and Recreation Community Foundation (PARC) meeting.

Commissioner Clark reported on the LCP meeting, PARC meeting, the joint meeting of the Creeks Advisory Council and Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Central Coast Trails Stewardship Summit.

Chair Wiscomb reported on the City Council meeting item for the Cabrillo Ball Park, the Golf Course Meet and Greet with CourseCo, the Street Tree Advisory Committee meeting, the LCP meeting, the Golf Advisory Committee meeting, and the PARC meeting.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS: None.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS: None.

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Subject: Summary of Council Actions – For Information (Attachment)

The Commission received this item.

2. Subject: Minutes – For Action (Attachment)

Recommendation: That the Commission waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 27, 2016.

Motion:

Commissioners Longstreet / Cavazos to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of January 27, 2016.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote. (Absent: Rincon-Ibarra)

STREET TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ITEMS

Any action of the Parks and Recreation Commission made pursuant to Municipal Code Chapter 15.24, Preservation of Trees, may be appealed to the City Council within ten days.

3. Subject: Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations – For Action (Attachment)

Documents:

- Staff Report dated February 24, 2016

- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff
- Speakers:
- Urban Forest Superintendent Tim Downey
 - Public Works Project Engineer I Eric Goodall

Recommendation: That the Commission:

A. Conditionally approve the following tree removal requests:

1. 126 St. Francis Way – Street Tree - Liquidambar styraciflua, American Sweet Gum – Gary Gleason

The Commission received the report; there were no questions. The following action was taken.

Motion:

Commissioners French / Longstreet to concur with the Committee's recommendation to approve the removal of the Liquidambar tree on 126 S. Francis Way.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote. (Absent: Rincon-Ibarra)

2. 1300 block of E. Montecito St. and 0 blocks of N & S Salinas St. – 23 Various street and setback trees – Andrew Grubb, City of Santa Barbara Public Works Engineering

The Commission received the report, their questions were answered, and the following action was taken.

Motion:

Commissioners Longstreet / Heaton to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation and make the findings used in good forest management to conditionally remove the trees in the 1300 block of E. Montecito St. and 0 blocks of N & S Salinas St.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote. (Absent: Rincon-Ibarra)

3. 400 block of S. Milpas St. – Street & Setback trees – (1) Melaleuca quinquenervia, Cajeput Tree, (3) Yucca elephantipes, Giant Yucca, (1) Strelitzia nicolai and (2) Cordyline australis, – Eric Goodall, City of Santa Barbara Public Works Engineering

The Commission received the report, their questions were answered, and the following action was taken.

Motion:

Commissioners French / Clark to concur with the Committee's recommendation for the street tree removal they identified as well as the

additional four trees identified all along the strip of Milpas Street and replace by planting as many trees as feasible.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote. (Absent: Rincon-Ibarra)

B. Deny the following Setback Tree removal request:

1. 307 N. Alisos St. – Araucaria heterophylla, Norfolk Island Pine – Hilario Aguilar

The Commission received the report, their questions were answered, and the following action was taken.

Motion:

Commissioners Longstreet / Heaton to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation to deny removal at 307 N. Alisos St. and make the findings necessary.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote. (Absent: Rincon-Ibarra)

C. Approve the designation change to the Street Tree Master Plan:

1. All of Puesta Del Sol – Request to replace designated street tree, Jacaranda mimosifolia, Jacaranda with Quercus agrifolia, Coast Live Oak along the proposed street improvement for the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History at 2559 Puesta Del Sol

The Commission received the report, their questions were answered, and the following action was taken.

Motion:

Commissioners Longstreet / French to support the change to the Coast Live Oak for all of Puesta Del Sol.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote. (Absent: Rincon-Ibarra)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

5. **Subject: Santa Barbara Arts Alliance Program Report - For Information (Attachment)**

Documents:

- Staff Report dated Febuary 24, 2016
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Recreation Neighborhood and Outreach Coordinator II Ricardo Venegas
- Jasmine Linares

Recommendation: That the Commission receives a presentation regarding the Santa Barbara Arts Alliance program and recognizes the youth participants and adult mentors currently part of the program.

The Commission unanimously received the report and their questions were answered. Adult program mentors and peer mentors received Certificates of Recognition.

4. Subject: Low Impact Development – Streets, Sidewalks, and Alleys Project Update - For Information (Attachment)

Documents:

- Staff Report dated February 24, 2016
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Creeks Water Resources Specialist Timothy Burgess
- Public Works Project Engineer II Andrew Grubb

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a status report on the Low Impact Development – Streets, Sidewalks, and Alleys Project at Plaza de Vera Cruz and the sidewalks surrounding Alice Keck Park Memorial Gardens.

The Commission unanimously received the report and their questions were answered.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:40 p.m., with no further business to be addressed by the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill E. Zachary
Parks and Recreation Director