



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

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Beebe Longstreet

ROLL CALL

Commissioners and Staff Present

Chair Beebe Longstreet
Vice Chair Nichol Clark
Commissioner Lesley Wiscomb
Commissioner Ed Cavazos
Commissioner Jacob Lesner-Buxton
Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary
Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Rich Hanna
Urban Forest Superintendent Tim Downey
Recreation Manager Judith Cook McCaffrey
Recreation Supervisor Susan Jang-Bardick
Business Manager Mark Sewell
Recreation Coordinator Amber Workman
Recreation Supervisor Tony Sholl
Assistant City Attorney Tava Ostrenger
Administrative Assistant Terri Yamada

Commissioners Absent

Commissioner Andria Martinez Cohen

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT: None

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS:

Chair Beebe Longstreet reported on reported on the Neighborhood Advisory Council.

Commissioner Wiscomb reported on the Street Tree Advisory Committee Meeting and the Golf Advisory Committee Meeting.

Commissioners Cavazos, Lesner-Buxton and Clark had nothing to report.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS: None

COMMUNITY SERVICE RECOGNITION

1. Subject: Recognition of 4th of July Community Partners (Attachment)

Documents:

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

Speakers:

- Recreation Supervisor Susan Jang-Bardick

Recommendation: That the Commission recognize community partners John Palminteri, Roger Perry and Kim Stabile for their support of the City of Santa Barbara's 4th of July Celebration.

The Commission unanimously received the report and acknowledged the community partners.

2. Subject: 2016 Free Learn to Swim Program (Attachment)

Documents:

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

Speakers:

- Recreation Supervisor Tony Sholl
- Recreation Coordinator Amber Workman

Recommendation: That the Commission receives a presentation regarding the 2016 Free Learn to Swim Program and recognizes the Friends of Los Baños del Mar Pool, Eye & Vision Care of Santa Barbara and Easy Lift Transportation for their on-going financial support.

The Commission unanimously received the report and acknowledged the community partners.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS:

3. Subject: Employee Recognition – Service Award Pins

Director Jill Zachary recognized Creeks Supervisor George Johnson for his fifteen years of service and Julie Thomas for her ten years of service.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

The Commission received the item.

5. Subject: Minutes – For Action (Attachment)

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

The Commission received the item.

Motion:

Commissioner Wiscomb / Clark to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 27, 2016.

Vote:

Majority voice vote. (Absent: Martinez Cohen; Abstain: Lesner-Buxton)

STREET TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ITEMS

Any action of the Parks and Recreation Commission made pursuant to Municipal Code Chapter 15.20, Tree Planting and Maintenance or 15.24, Preservation of Trees, may be appealed to the City Council within ten days, pursuant to provisions of Section 1.30.050 of the Municipal Code.

6. Subject: Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations – For Action (Attachments)

Documents:

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

Speakers:

- Urban Forest Superintendent Tim Downey

Recommendation: That the Commission:

- Approve or Deny the following Setback Tree removal request:

1. 601 Alameda Padre Serra – *Pinus pinea*, Italian Stone Pine – Teri Tuason

Motion:

Commissioner Wiscomb / Cavazos based on a reasonable development of the property, to concur with staff recommendation to approve the removal on the condition the proposed replacement tree be installed.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote. (Absent: Martinez Cohen)

- B. Deny the following Setback Tree removal request:

1. 1515 ½ W. Gillespie St. – *Phoenix canariensis*, Canary Island Date Palm – Mansfield Turney

Motion:

Commissioner Wiscomb / Clark to deny the removal of the tree.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote. (Absent: Martinez Cohen)

- C. Approve the following changes to the Street Tree Master Plan:

1. 400 block of Old Coast Highway – plan co-designation – STAC

Motion:

Commissioner Wiscomb / Clark to concur with STAC recommendation to approve *Lyonothamnus floribundus*, Catalina Ironwood as a co-designated tree for the 400 block of Old Coast Highway.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote. (Absent: Martinez Cohen)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

7. **Subject: Cabrillo Pavilion Renovation Status Report and Restaurant Concession – For Action (Attachment)**

Recommendation: That the Commission:

- A. Receive a status report on the Cabrillo Pavilion and Bathhouse Renovation Project; and;

- B. Recommend to City Council that the City initiate a competitive bid process to secure a restaurant concessionaire for the renovated facility.

Documents:

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

Speakers:

- Staff: Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary; Business Manager Mark Sewell
- Members of the Public: Joe Howell, Lillian Shields, Gary Justice, Cheryl Justice, Steven Ainsley, Frank Goss, Cara Gamberdella, Cara DeAmicis, Marshall Rose, Leo DeAmicis, David Dart, Jane Cairns, Sandy Schoolfield, Jon Kechejian, Barry Liker, Maggie Moss-Tucker, Fred Maggiore, Janice Maggiore, Muriel Slevin, Bill and Trish Davis, Neil Wood, Gerry Winant, Donna Senauer, Bernard Melekian.

Commission Comments:

Commissioner Clark inquired whether the City could legally negotiate exclusively with a vendor. Ms. Ostrenger confirmed that the Commission could make that recommendation.

Commissioner Wiscomb stated she did understand it is a new market, however, she read Resolution 93-127 and the staff report considerations for renewal and feels that the East Beach Grill, under the helm of Mr. Aguilera, can check all of the boxes positively. She does not support staff recommendation, but rather supports a reasonable period of time where there can be an attempt to renegotiate a contract with Mr. Aguilera.

Commissioner Cavazos stated that although there are times when a bid process is justified, he did not think that in this instance it is justified. There is an eighteen month down time, along with a \$500,000 price to renovate, and the incumbent is willing to take that on. He does agree that the City has the responsibility to find something in its best interests as well, and the City can do a less formal process during negotiations, and if necessary, the City can go out to a formal bid.

Commissioner Lesner-Buxton stated that he is from Oakland, California, and restaurants there come and go every four weeks. He said he doesn't want to go to East Beach every two weeks and find a new restaurant.

Chair Longstreet said she takes it very seriously that the Commission is managing public property and it is their duty to make sure that property has the ability to go forward in the future. Although she may think Mr. Aguilera is the concessionaire that belongs there, she doesn't want to tie the City's hands in the process of determining what goes forward in the future. She does agree that that facility needs more activity in the night. She would like to see the City coming up with a new contract that meets the needs of the new space; she would not support exclusivity to the negotiation process.

Motion:

Commissioner Wiscomb / Clark to recommend to City Council that Mr. Aguilera and the East Beach Grill be given an exclusive right to negotiate for a reasonable period of time at the discretion of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Vote:

Majority voice vote. (Nayes: Longstreet; Absent: Martinez Cohen)

Ms. Zachary stated that the tentative date for the Commission recommendation to go to Council is September 13. This date should be confirmed by next week, and those people on the distribution list for this item will be notified.

8. Subject: Advisory Committee Liaisons – For Action (Attachment)

Recommendation: That the Commission consider the appointment of advisory committee liaisons.

Documents:

-Staff Report dated August 24, 2016

Commissioner Lesner-Buxton said he would be interested in being the liaison to the Neighborhood Advisory Council.

The other two vacancies will be revisited at the next meeting.

The Commission moved this item to the agenda of the September 28 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:23 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