



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: October 26, 2016

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission:

A. Conditionally approve the following Street Tree removal request and deny the Setback Tree removal request:

1. 633 Island View Dr. – (5) *Liquidambar styraciflua*, American Sweetgum, (1) *Melaleuca (Callistemon) citrina*, Lemon Bottlebrush Tree (Street), and (1) *Olea europaea*, Olive (Setback) – Robert Hunter

The Committee (4/1) recommends that the Commission approve the removal of all six street trees on the condition the applicant plants one replacement street tree, and recommends removal of the setback tree be denied. The Committee determined the Liquidambar trees are more suited to larger parkways and the Lemon Bottlebrush Tree is in poor condition. The Committee requested the street tree designation for Island View Drive be considered at a future meeting because the parkways are large enough to support a larger species of tree. Based on the canopy cover along this parcel and the potential for a larger canopy tree to be designated, there will be space for only one tree along this parkway. The currently designated tree is the *Melaleuca (Callistemon) citrina*, Lemon Bottlebrush Tree.

B. Conditionally approve the following Setback Tree removal request:

1. 732 Calle Alella – *Ceiba speciosa*, Silk-Floss Tree – David and Christine Bourgeois

The Committee (5/0) recommends that the Commission approve the removal on the condition applicant replace with a canopy tree that can achieve 25 feet in height. The Committee determined the existing tree will impact underground utilities and that there is space for another tree closer to the driveway.

C. Deny the following Setback Tree removal request:

1. 2104 Bath St. – *Quercus agrifolia*, Coast Live Oak – Norman and Joyce Wieder

The Committee (5/0) recommends that the Commission deny the removal. The applicant submitted a request to remove both Coast Live Oaks in the front yard but only one is within the front setback for this property. The Committee determined that since one of the trees is not regulated by the City and the owner has indicated they will remove that tree, the removal of the second tree would have a material impact to the neighborhood in relation to tree canopy.

- ATTACHMENTS:**
1. 633 Island View Dr.
 2. 732 Calle Alella
 3. 2104 Bath St.

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