



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

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, October 26, 2016
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Beebe 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 Andria Martinez Cohen
Commissioner Jacob Lesner-Buxton
Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary
Urban Forest Superintendent Tim Downey
Urban Street Supervisor Nathan Slack
Capital Projects Supervisor George Thomson
Parks Administrative Assistant Terri Yamada

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Frank Randall
Kenneth Loch
Sue Burk
Judy Fessenden

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT: None

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS:

Commissioner Wiscomb reported on the Street Tree Advisory Committee meeting.

Commissioner Lesner-Buxton reported on the Neighborhood Advisory Council meeting.

Commissioner Cavazos reported on the Youth Council meeting.

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

Vice Chair Clark and Commissioner Cohen had nothing to report.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS: None

CEREMONIAL ITEMS:

1. **Subject: Employee Recognition – Service Award Pins**

Director Jill Zachary recognized Ramon Perez, Custodian, for his fifteen years of service.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

The Commission received the item.

3. **Subject: Minutes – For Action (Attachment)**

Recommendation: That the Commission waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 28, 2016.

The Commission received the items.

Motion:

Commissioner Wiscomb / Cavazos to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 26, 2016.

Vote:

Majority voice vote (5/0/1) (Abstain: Longstreet)

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.

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

Documents:

- Staff Report dated October 26, 2016
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Urban Forest Supervisor Nathan Slack
- Public Speaker Rob Hunter (Item 4.A.1.)

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

Motion:

Commissioner Wiscomb / Longstreet to approve the removal of six street trees under the condition the applicant plant a replacement street tree with a species designated by the Street Tree Advisory Committee, and deny the removal of the setback tree at this time. Approval of the removals is in the interest of good forest management practices, and the denial is in accordance with the code in terms of materially affecting the character of the neighborhood.

Vote:

Majority voice vote (4/2). (Nays: Cavazos, Lesner-Buxton)

- B. Conditionally approve the following Setback Tree removal request:

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

Motion:

Commissioner Wiscomb / Cavazos to concur with the STAC recommendation to approve the removal of the Silk Floss tree on the condition the applicant replace with a canopy tree that can achieve a mature height of 25 feet.

Vote:

Majority voice vote (5/0/1). (Abstain: Clark)

- C. Deny the following Setback Tree removal request:

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

Motion:

Commissioner Wiscomb / Clark to concur with the STAC recommendation to deny the removal of the Oak tree at 2104 Bath Street. The removal of the tree would cause loss of canopy, shade and wildlife. It is good forest management practices to retain the tree since the other tree was removed, and loss of both trees would materially affect the character of the neighborhood.

Vote:

Majority voice vote (5/1). (Nays: Cavazos)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

5. Subject: Director's Report – For Information (Attachment)

Documents:

-Staff Report dated October 26, 2016

Speakers:

-Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a presentation on the status of the various Parks and Recreation Department initiatives and activities.

Commissioner Comments:

Chair Longstreet suggested conducting site visits to the various project sites, including Franceschi Park and Hale Park so that the Commission could better understand issues.

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

6. Subject: Capital Improvement Projects Update – For Information (Attachment)

Documents:

-Staff Report dated October 26, 2016

-Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

-Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary

-Parks Capital Project Supervisor George Thomson

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a presentation on the status of the active Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Projects.

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:37 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