



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

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, December 21, 2016
DAVID GEBHARD PUBLIC MEETING ROOM
630 GARDEN STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Beebe Longstreet called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the David Gebhard Meeting Room.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Beebe Longstreet

ROLL CALL

Commissioners and Staff Present

Chair Beebe Longstreet

Vice Chair Nichol Clark

Commissioner Lesley Wiscomb (left 6:33 p.m.)

Commissioner Andria Martinez Cohen

Commissioner Jacob Lesner-Buxton (arrived 4:04 p.m.)

Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Rich Hanna

Parks Manager Santos Escobar

Urban Forest Superintendent Tim Downey

Capital Projects Supervisor George Thomson

Sr. Recreation Supervisor Jason Bryan

Associate Planner Justin Van Mullem

Business Manager Mark Sewell

Executive Assistant Rose Nevarez

Parks Administrative Assistant Terri Yamada

Commissioners Absent

Commissioner Ed Cavazos

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT:

Youth Council Treasurer Jensen Stedy reported on the following:

- There is one new Youth Council member
- Four vacancies exist on the Youth Council, recruitment in May
- Applied for a Youth Making Change Grant
- Created “ALMA” Adolescent Leaders Modeling Acceptance to help with undocumented immigrants
- Holding a Leadership Training Workshop on January 9
- Co-hosting the Seniors Winter Ball on January 14
- Co-hosting a Peace Builders Conference on January 22
- Held a Speak-out and Meet and Greet with the Chief of Police covered by KEYT

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS:

Commissioner Martinez Cohen reported on the Creeks Advisory Committee meeting.

Commissioner Wiscomb reported on the Street Tree Advisory Committee meeting, Golf Advisory Committee meeting, PARC Board meeting, and a Montecito Bank and Trust luncheon where she received a contribution for the PARC Foundation.

Vice-Chair Clark reported on the PARC Foundation meeting.

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

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

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Director Jill Zachary introduced new Executive Assistant Rose Nevarez. She announced there would be a new Commissioner in January 2017, and that Commissioner Wiscomb was appointed to the Planning Commission but will remain on the Parks and Recreation Commission until the next recruitment.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS:

1. Subject: Employee Recognition – Service Award Pins

Director Jill Zachary recognized Senior Recreation Supervisor Jason Bryan for 25 years of service.

CONSENT ITEMS

2. Subject: Minutes – For Action (Attachment)

Recommendation: That the Commission waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 26, 2016.

The Commission received the items.

Motion:

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

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (5/0)

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.

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

Documents:

- Staff Report dated December 21, 2016
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Urban Forest Superintendent Tim Downey
- Public Speaker Maury Treman (item 3.A.2.)
- Public Speaker Bob Cunningham (item 3.A.2.)

Recommendation: That the Commission:

- A. Conditionally approve the following Street Tree and Park Tree removal requests:
 - 1. 831 San Pascual St. – (2) Syzygium australe, Scrub Cherry – Jutta and Peter Aichinger

Motion:

Commissioner Wiscomb / Martinez Cohen to concur with the STAC recommendation to conditionally approve the removal on the condition the applicant plants two replacement street trees at locations fronting adjacent properties, safety dictates removal.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (5/0).

- 2. 800 Cabrillo Blvd. – (5) Koelreuteria bipinnata, Chinese Flame Tree; (1) Eucalyptus cladocalyx, Sugar Gum; (1) Pinus eldarica, Afgan Pine; (1) Phoenix canariensis, Canary Island Date Palm; and (1) Washingtonia

robusta, Mexican Fan Palm – Justin Van Mullem, Associate Planner, City of Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation

Motion:

Commissioner Clark / Martinez Cohen to approve the removal of all proposed trees except the Canary Island Date Palm on the condition that two new *Phoenix dactylifera*, Date Palms be planted, with hopes that in the future there would be opportunity to plant new trees.

Vote:

Majority voice vote (4/1). (Nay: Wiscomb)

- B. Conditionally approve the following Setback Tree removal request:
1. 308 Argonne Circle – (2) *Olea europaea*, Olive Tree – Arbor Services, Inc.

Motion:

Commissioner Wiscomb / Martinez Cohen to concur with the STAC recommendation to approve removal of the olive tree closest to the home and deny removal of the olive tree closest to the street on the condition the applicant replace the removed olive with a tree that has the potential to achieve the same stature as the olives can.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (5/0).

- C. Approve the following change to the Street Tree Master Plan:
1. 600 block of Island View Dr. – plan co-designation – Street Tree Advisory Committee

Motion:

Commissioner Wiscomb / Clark to concur with the STAC recommendation that the Commission co-designate *Lyonothamnus floribundus*, Santa Cruz Island Ironwood for the 600 block of Island View Drive.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (5/0).

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

- 4. Subject: Director’s Report – For Information (Attachment)**

Documents:

-Staff Report dated December 21, 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 a tour when the new Commissioner comes on board.

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

5. Subject: Park and Recreation Facility Public Use and Misuse - Update – For Discussion (Attachment)

Documents:

-Staff Report dated December 21, 2016

-Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

-Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary

-Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Rich Hanna

-Police Lt. Ed Olson, Watch Commander

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a presentation and discuss public use and misuse issues at City parks and recreation facilities.

Chair Longstreet announced that the Commission will continue this item to the January 2017 meeting for more discussion and public input. The Commission unanimously received the report and their questions were answered.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

6. Subject: Advisory Committee Interviews and Appointments – For Action (Attachment)

Documents:

-Staff Report dated December 21, 2016

Speakers:

-Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary

-Maureen Maason

-Mark Gomez

-James Patterson

- Michael Woodard

-John Craig

- Dominic Namnath
- Larry Nowlin
- Maury Treman
- Bob Cunningham

Recommendation: That the Commission hold interviews and make appointments to various advisory committees.

The Commission interviewed applicants for the Golf Advisory Committee and made the following motion.

Motion:

Commissioner Wiscomb / Clark to appoint Maureen Masson to the Santa Barbara Women's Golf Club; John Craig to the Los Paisanos Golf Club; Dominic Namnath to the Men's Club; and James Patterson, Michael Woodard, and Larry Nowlin to the Community At-Large positions.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (5/0).

The Commission interviewed applicants for the Street Tree Advisory Committee. Commissioner Wiscomb thanked Mr. Cunningham and Ms. Treman for their years of service on the Committee and made the following motion.

Motion:

Commissioner Wiscomb / Martinez Cohen to appoint Bob Cunningham and Maury Treman to the Street Tree Advisory Committee.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (5/0).

7. Subject: Proposed Fiscal Year 2018-2023 Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Program – For Action (Attachment)

Documents:

- Staff Report dated December 21, 2016
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary
- Capital Projects Supervisor George Thomson
- Business Manager Mark Sewell

Recommendation: That the Commission review the proposed General Fund, Golf Fund, and Neighborhood Improvement Task Force Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 – 2023

Capital Improvement Program (CIP), provide recommendations on capital project priorities for FY 2018 and FY 2019, and recommend that the CIP be forwarded to the Planning Commission and City Council.

The Commission received the report and Chair Longstreet added that the Commission's priorities will always be safety and accessibility, and maintaining what we have, along with the ability for some programs to be in the cue for grant funding.

Motion:

Commissioner Martinez Cohen / Lesner-Buxton to approve the Proposed YF 2018-2023 Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Program (CIP), and recommend the CIP be forwarded to the Planning Commission and City Council.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (4/0).

8. Santa Barbara Arts and Crafts Show Appeal – For Action (Attachment)

Documents:

- Staff Report dated December 21, 2016
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary
- Senior Recreation Supervisor Jason Bryan
- Jeff Kennedy
- David Sugich
- AundreaTavakkoly

Recommendation: That the Commission deny the appeal of Jeff Kennedy and uphold the decision of the Arts and Crafts Show Advisory Committee regarding the issuance of a written warning to Mr. Kennedy for violating the Code of Conduct.

The Commission received the report, listened to testimony from the appellant, along with members of the Arts and Crafts Show.

Motion:

Commissioner Wiscomb / Longstreet to concur with staff recommendation to deny the appeal of Mr. Kennedy and uphold the decision of the Arts and Crafts Show Advisory Committee regarding the issuance of a written warning to Mr. Kennedy for violating the Code of Conduct.

Vote:

Majority voice vote (3/2). (Nays: Clark, Lesner Buxton).

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:10 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