



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: July 26, 2017
TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department
SUBJECT: Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission:

A. Approve the following Street Tree removal request:

1. 129 Castillo St. – (1) *Platanus racemosa*, California Sycamore and (6) *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palms – Peter Georgi, Carriage Museum

The trees in this application exist on a City owned parcel managed by the Carriage Museum. The applicant originally submitted a request to remove a grove of Sycamores. The Committee reviewed that request at the June 1, 2017 Street Tree Advisory Committee meeting. During discussion at the meeting, the applicant mentioned that he wished to revise his request. The Committee voted to postpone the item to the July meeting to allow time for a modified request. The applicant submitted a revised request to remove one Sycamore and six Mexican Fan Palms. The Committee reviewed this revised request at the July 6, 2017 meeting. The Committee determined the Mexican Fan Palms can be invasive and easily spread in the adjacent water course. Additionally, they determined the Sycamores are suitable with this setting, but one tree could be removed without a significant impact to the community. The Committee (4/0) recommends that the Commission approve the revised request.

B. Conditionally approve the following Setback Tree removal request:

1. 3717 Barcelona Dr. – *Pinus pinea*, Italian Stone Pine – Peterson’s Tree Care, Inc.

This tree is located adjacent to the garages of this property and the adjoining property. The tree has included bark between the main trunks which is a known defect that causes a weak attachment. To compensate for this weakness, cables were installed in the tree 15 to 20 years ago to help support the trunks. After this installation, the tree continued to grow and gain weight. The old cables are no longer sufficient to reliably hold the weight of the tree. The Committee determined that although this is an otherwise healthy tree that provides value to the

neighborhood, no reasonable amount of cabling and pruning can insure reliable safety of the tree. The Committee (4/0) recommends that the Commission approve the removal on the condition the applicant replaces with an evergreen tree that can achieve 25 feet in stature to be planted within the front yard setback.

ATTACHMENTS: 1. 129 Castillo St.
2. 3717 Barcelona Dr.

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