



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

**REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, October 25, 2017  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Beebe Longstreet called the meeting to order at 4:10 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 Tara Armbruster  
Commissioner Roger Perry  
Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary  
Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Rich Hanna  
Parks Manager Santos Escobar  
Urban Forest Superintendent Tim Downey  
Executive Assistant Rose Nevarez

**Commissioners Absent**

Commissioner Ed Cavazos  
Commissioner Jacob Lesner-Buxton  
Commissioner Andria Martinez Cohen

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** None

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Bob Cunningham, Street Tree Advisory Committee

**YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT:** Santa Barbara Youth Council Chair Jensen Steady reported on their mayoral candidates' forum and the focus groups they are conducting in conjunction with Police Activities League through the ALMA Project. The Youth Council has five vacancies and are accepting applications through November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS:**

Commissioner Armbruster attended the Golf Advisory Committee meeting.

Vice Chair Clark attended a Local Coastal Program update meeting where Community Development discussed the new draft land use plan.

Chair Longstreet also attended the Local Coastal Program update meeting. There will be a public open house presentation of the land use plan at the Chase Palm Park Center on November 11<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm.

**COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**CEREMONIAL ITEMS:**

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

Director Jill Zachary recognized Ricardo Venegas, Neighborhood and Outreach Services Coordinator II, for 20 years of service.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

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

No comments.

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

Recommendation: That the Commission waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 27, 2017.

The Commission received the items. Chair Longstreet had one correction, to amend the number of votes on Item 4.B.1 to 6 instead of 7.

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Perry / Armbruster to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 27, 2017 with the correction noted.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (4/0)**

## **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.

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

Documents:

-Staff Report dated October 25, 2017

-Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

-Urban Forest Superintendent Tim Downey

-Public Speaker Joy Frank (Item 4.A.2.)

Recommendation: That the Commission:

A. Conditionally approve the following Setback Tree removal requests:

1. 3894 Pemm Place – *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palm – Eric Goodall, City of Santa Barbara Public Works Engineering

The Commission received the report and the following action was taken:

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Clark / Perry to conditionally approve the removal based on the condition that up to two Jacaranda street trees be planted.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (4/0)**

2. 2417 Anacapa St. – *Calocedrus decurrens*, Incense Cedar – Stephen T. and Joy W. Frank

The Commission received the report, listened to testimony from the speaker, their questions were answered and the following action was taken:

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Perry / Armbruster to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation to approve the removal on the condition it be replaced with one street tree at a location to be determined with Staff.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (4/0)**

B. Approve the following Setback Tree removal requests:

1. 707 E. Valerio St. – *Acacia melanoxylon*, Black Acacia – Jim Anesen

The Commission received the report and the following action was taken:

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Clark / Armbruster to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation to approve the removal.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (4/0)**

2. 525 Arroyo Ave. – *Quercus agrifolia*, Coast Live Oak – Joe and Melanie Allen

The Commission received the report, their questions were answered and the following action was taken:

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Armbruster / Perry to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation to approve the removal.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (4/0)**

3. 3360 Braemar Dr. – *Sequoia sempervirens*, California Redwood – Alex Brodie

The Commission received the report and the following action was taken:

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Clark / Armbruster to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation to approve the removal.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (4/0)**

C. Approve the following change of designation to the Street Tree Master Plan:

1. 2100 – 2200 blocks of Alameda Padre Serra (Los Olivos to Bonita Way) – change designation of current species – Street Tree Advisory Committee

The Commission received the report, their questions were answered and the following action was taken:

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Martinez Cohen / Perry to approve the change of designation to the Street Tree Master Plan to Santa Cruz Island Ironwood and Tanbark-Oak.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (4/0)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS**

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

Documents:

-Staff Report dated October 25, 2017

Speakers:

-Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary

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

Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary reported on National Public Lands Day on September 30<sup>th</sup>, Community Clean-Up Day on October 14<sup>th</sup>, the Santa Barbara Golf Club, and the Cabrillo Pavilion renovation project and campaign.

The Commission received the report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:44 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