



## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** November 15, 2017

**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 requests:

1. 100 block of Ortega St. / 634 Anacapa St. – *Trachycarpus fortunei*, Chinese Windmill Palm – Martha Degasis, Arcadia Studio

The applicant proposes removal of one existing *Trachycarpus fortunei*, Chinese Windmill Palm that is located where a driveway is proposed on Ortega Street. The applicant proposes to replace that tree with four *Trachycarpus fortunei*, Chinese Windmill Palms, filling in vacant spots in the parkway. The applicant also proposes planting two additional trees along the Anacapa frontage in vacant locations. The Committee requested the 100 block of West Ortega be placed on a future agenda for the purpose of designating a canopy tree to soften the proposed building. If a canopy tree is selected, spacing requirements would necessitate fewer trees be planted than the palms due to greater distances needed between trees. The Committee (4/0) recommends that the Commission approve removal on the condition the applicant replace with as many street trees as feasible.

2. 816 W. Anapamu St. – *Olea europaea*, Olive – Sally Glasgow

The Committee (5/0) recommends that the Commission approve removal on the condition it is replaced with one designated street tree in a new location away from the adjacent street tree. The Committee determined this tree is not the designated species for West Anapamu Street. The Committee commented that the recommendation to approve was not for reasons stated by the applicant, rather to give the new tree and the one on an adjacent property room to develop proper canopy.

B. Approve the following Setback Tree removal requests:

1. 2507 Mesa School Ln. – (2) palms, (1) Melaleuca, (1) Yucca and (1) Lemon Lime – Robert and Madeline Towery

The Committee (5/0) recommends that the Commission approve the removals. The Committee determined the reasonable development of the property necessitates the removal of the trees.

2. 2433 Calle Soria – *Eriobotrya japonica*, Edible Loquat – William and Julie Smith

The Committee (5/0) recommends that the Commission approve the removal. The Committee determined an adjacent newly planted Coast Live Oak would benefit from the proposed removal. The Committee commented that a replacement tree in this area would not be necessary.

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

1. 1000 block of Coast Village Rd. – consider alternates for the co-designated tree and remove *Platanus X hispanica*, London Plane, as the current designation – Bob Cunningham

Currently the 1000 block of Coast Village Road is co-designated Jacaranda mimosifolia, Jacaranda, and *Platanus X hispanica*, London Plane Tree. The Committee (4/0) recommends that the Commission remove *Platanus X hispanica*, London Plane Tree, and approve *Platanus racemosa*, California Sycamore, as co-designated tree for the 1000 block of Coast Village Road. The Committee determined the *Platanus X hispanica*, London Plane Tree, does not perform well and hybridizes with the native *Platanus racemosa*, California Sycamore.

- ATTACHMENTS:**
1. 100 block of Ortega St. / 634 Anacapa St.
  2. 816 W. Anapamu St.
  3. 2507 Mesa School Ln.
  4. 2433 Calle Soria
  5. 1000 block of Coast Village Rd.

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