



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

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, February 22, 2017
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 Jacob Lesner-Buxton
Commissioner Andria Martinez Cohen
Commissioner Ed Cavazos
Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary
Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Rich Hanna
Parks Manager Santos Escobar
Urban Forest Superintendent Tim Downey
Neighborhood Outreach Services Supervisor Susan Young
Executive Assistant Rose Nevarez

Commissioners Absent

Commissioner Tara Armbruster

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT:

Susan Young, Recreation Supervisor, reported on a number of Youth Council activities including a Youth Making Change Grant and the April 8th Teen Leadership Conference.

Chair Longstreet mentioned the Commission values having the perspective of a young person represented.

Chair Longstreet asked when the Youth Leadership Awards Banquet was scheduled and Staff Advisor Susan Young responded that it is tentatively scheduled for May 22nd. Chair Longstreet asked that the Commission members be notified of the date.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS:

Commissioner Cavazos reported on the PARC Foundation Board meeting.

Commissioner Andria Martinez Cohen had nothing to report as both of her committee meetings were canceled.

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

Commissioner Clark reported she attended the Street Tree Advisory Committee site visits on February 2nd.

Chair Longstreet attended the City Council Meeting on January 31st and spoke about the Parks and Recreation Capital Needs.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS: None

CEREMONIAL ITEMS:

1. Subject: Employee Recognition – Service Award Pins

Director Jill Zachary recognized Mark Alvarado, Senior Neighborhood Services Supervisor for 5 years of service, and Grounds Maintenance Worker II Jose Ibarra and Recreation Supervisor Jeff Smith for 10 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 January 25, 2017.

The Commission received the items.

Motion:

Commissioner Martinez Cohen / Clark to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 25, 2017.

Vote:

Majority voice vote (4/0/1) (Abstain: Cavazos; Absent: Armbruster)

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 February 22, 2017
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Urban Forest Superintendent Tim Downey
- Public Speaker Kathy McGill (Item 4.A.1.)
- Public Speaker Alan Kuhn (Item 4.B.2.)

Recommendation: That the Commission:

A. Conditionally approve the following Setback Tree removal request:

1. 1533 Crestline Dr. – *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palm – Kathryn McGill

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

Motion:

Commissioner Clark / Cavazos to recommend approval of the removal based on the condition that the applicant replace with a tree that can accommodate her landscape plans and achieve a height of 25 feet or more.

Vote:

Majority voice vote (3/2) (Nays: Lesner-Buxton, Martinez Cohen; Absent: Armbruster).

B. Deny the following Setback Tree removal requests:

1. 1401 Manitou Rd. – Quercus agrifolia, Coast Live Oak – Whitney McMullen and Christian Cole

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

Motion:

Commissioner Clark / Cavazos to deny the removal of the Coastal Live Oak at 1401 Manitou Road.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (5/0) (Absent: Armbruster).

2. 433 Foxen Dr. – Liquidambar styraciflua, American Sweetgum – Alan Kuhn

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

Motion:

Commissioner Martinez Cohen / Clark to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and deny the removal.

Vote:

Majority voice vote (3/2) (Nays: Lesner-Buxton, Cavazos; Absent: Armbruster).

C. Approve the following changes to the Street Tree Master Plan:

1. 900 block of Indio Muerto St. – Designation of species

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

Motion:

Commissioner Clark / Cavazos to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation to co-designate the three species in the 900 block of Indio Muerto.

Vote: Unanimous voice vote (5/0) (Absent: Armbruster).

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

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

Documents:

- Staff Report dated February 22, 2017
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

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.

The Commission unanimously received the report.

6. Subject: Facility Use and Misuse Update – For Information (Attachment)

Documents:

- Staff Report dated February 22, 2017
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Rich Hanna
- Public Speaker Jeff Shaffer, Uffizi Order Director of Missional Initiatives
- Public Speaker Joyce Berg, Christ Presbyterian Church Volunteer Coordinator

Recommendation: That the Commission receive an update on public use and misuse issues at City parks and recreation facilities.

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

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:25 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