



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

**REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, March 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  
Commissioner Tara Armbruster  
Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary  
Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Rich Hanna  
Recreation Manager Judith McCaffrey  
Recreation Coordinator Luis Gomez  
Associate Planner Erin Markey  
Parks Manager Santos Escobar  
Urban Forest Superintendent Tim Downey  
Business Manager Mark Sewell  
Marketing Coordinator Summers Case  
Executive Assistant Rose Nevarez

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** None

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Dan McCarter, Friends of Arroyo Burro

## **YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT:**

Jensen Steady, SB Youth Council Treasurer, reported on a number of Youth Council activities including a Youth Making Change Grant, the April 8<sup>th</sup> Teen Leadership Conference, and potential fundraising activities.

Chair Longstreet asked that the Commission be kept informed of fundraising activities.

## **COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS:**

Commissioner Cavazos commented on the March 18<sup>th</sup> Commission Site Tour of Parks and Recreation Facilities.

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

Commissioner Clark reported she attended the Street Tree Advisory Committee site visits on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and commented on the March 18<sup>th</sup> Site Tour.

Commissioner Andria Martinez Cohen reported on the Creeks Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Armbruster reported on the Golf Advisory Task Force meeting.

Chair Longstreet reported she attended the March 18<sup>th</sup> Site Tour and the Neighborhood Advisory Committee meeting.

**COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:** None

## **CEREMONIAL ITEMS:**

### **1. Subject: Recognition of Food Distribution Volunteers**

Documents:

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

Speakers:

- Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary
- Recreation Coordinator Luis Gomez

Recommendation: That the Commission received a presentation regarding the Food Distribution program and recognized program volunteers for their commitment to serving our community through the food distribution programs held at three City of Santa Barbara locations.

The Commission received the presentation and Chair Longstreet distributed certificates of appreciation to volunteers present.

## **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 February 22, 2017.

The Commission received the items.

#### **Motion:**

**Commissioner Cavazos / Martinez Cohen to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 22, 2017.**

#### **Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (6/0)**

## **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 March 22, 2017
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

#### Speakers:

- Urban Forest Superintendent Tim Downey
- Public Speaker Michele Carbone (Item 4.B.1.)

Recommendation: That the Commission:

A. Deny the following Street Tree removal request:

1. 2514 Castillo St. – *Eucalyptus nicholii*, Nichols Willow Leafed Peppermint – Blanca F. Benedict

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

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Clark / Cavazos to deny the removal.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (6/0)**

B. Conditionally approve the following Setback Tree removal request:

1. 425 W. Los Olivos St. – *Morus alba*, White Mulberry Tree – James P. Carbone

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 / Cavazos to approve the removal on the condition the applicant replace with a tree that has the potential to achieve 25 feet in height.**

**Vote:**

**Failed to Pass voice vote (2/4) (Nay: Armbruster, Clark, Lesner-Buxton, Longstreet)**

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Armbruster / Lesner-Buxton to approve the removal on the condition the applicant replace with a tree of their choice.**

**Vote:**

**Majority voice vote (5/1) (Nay: Cavazos)**

## **ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS**

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

Documents:

-Staff Report dated March 22, 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.

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

**6. Subject: Arroyo Burro Open Space – For Action (Attachments)**

Documents:

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

Speakers:

- Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary
- Associate Planner Erin Markey
- Public Speaker Dan McCarter, Friends of Arroyo Burro

Recommendation: That the Commission:

- Receive an update on the Arroyo Burro Open Space;
- Recommend to City Council that the Arroyo Burro Open Space be rezoned from SP-9 (Veronica Meadows Specific Plan), SP-9/S-D-3 (Veronica Meadows Specific Plan/Coastal Overlay Zone), and E-3/S-D-3 (One Family Residence/Coastal Overlay Zone) to P-R (Parks and Recreation) and P-R/CZ (Parks and Recreation/Coastal Overlay); and
- Recommend to City Council that the Park be designated Open Space as defined in the Santa Barbara Municipal Code.

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

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Cavazos / Armbruster to recommend to City Council that the Arroyo Burro Open Space be rezoned from SP-9 (Veronica Meadows Specific Plan), SP-9/S-D-3 (Veronica Meadows Specific Plan/Coastal Overlay Zone), and E-3/S-D-3 (One Family Residence/Coastal Overlay Zone) to P-R (Parks and Recreation) and P-R/CZ (Parks and Recreation/Coastal Overlay); and recommend to City Council that the Park be designated Open Space as defined in the Santa Barbara Municipal Code.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (6/0)**

**7. Subject: 2017 Summer Camp Marketing – For Information**

Documents:

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

Speakers:

- Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary
- Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Rich Hanna

- Business Manager Mark Sewell
- Marketing Coordinator Summers Case

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a presentation on the 2017 summer camp marketing initiatives.

The Commission received the presentation and their questions were answered.

**8. Subject: Parks and Recreation Department Infrastructure Needs – For Information (Attachment)**

Documents:

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

Speakers:

- Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a presentation on Parks and Recreation Department's Long-Term Infrastructure Investment Needs.

The Commission received the report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:30 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