



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

**REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, June 28, 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  
Parks Manager Santos Escobar  
Creeks Manager Cameron Benson  
Urban Forest Superintendent Tim Downey  
Administrative Analyst Amanda Burgess  
Creeks Supervisor George Johnson  
Senior Recreation Supervisor Jason Bryan  
Executive Assistant Rose Nevarez

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** Item 8 was taken after Item 4

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

## **YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT:**

Nathaniel Getachaw reported the Youth Council has seven new members and four returning members. There are still two alternate school positions vacant and the Youth Council would like to propose making them at-large positions as they have remained vacant. The ALMA project was not completed but the Youth Council voted to continue in the fall. They received a grant and worked with COYA and the tobacco prevention program to conduct surveys counting the number of outdoor smokers on a portion of State Street. The Youth Council will hold one meeting in July and one in August for new members.

## **COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS:**

Commissioner Armbruster attended the Golf Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Martinez-Cohen reported that she was not able to attend both of her advisory committee meetings due to cancellation or rescheduling.

Vice-Chair Clark attended the PARC Foundation board meeting. She also attended a presentation by researchers from the US Geological Survey as a representative of the City's Local Coastal Program Subcommittee where they were shown a coastal storm modeling system that the City will be using to support coastal hazard and sea level rise vulnerability assessments.

Commissioner Cavazos attended the first annual PAL Golf Tournament which he felt was very well done. He also attended the PARC Foundation board meeting and the first of three in the Youth concert series at Plaza del Mar on June 17<sup>th</sup>. The next concert will be on July 15<sup>th</sup>, and the final one on August 19<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Lesner-Buxton attended the Neighborhood Advisory Council meeting.

Chair Longstreet attended the Neighborhood Advisory Council meeting and also attended the PARC Foundation meeting. She attended a SB City College neighborhood outreach event and met the new Police Department's Student Neighborhood Assistance Program Officers (SNAP), college students hired by the City to assist with noise ordinance enforcement.

**COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:** None

## **CEREMONIAL ITEMS:**

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

Director Jill Zachary recognized Parks Supervisor Steve Biddle for 5 years of service and Urban Forest Superintendent Tim Downey for 10 years of service.

**2. Subject: Front Country Trails Program Volunteer Recognition (Attachment)**

Documents:

- Staff Report dated June 28, 2017
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary
- Administrative Analyst Amanda Burgess
- Multi-Use Trails Coalition Founder Dave Everett
- SB Mountain Bike Trail Volunteers President Mike Tarpey

Recommendation: That the Commission recognize the Santa Barbara Mountain Bike Trail Volunteers and Dave Everett of the Multi-Use Trails Coalition for their volunteer maintenance of the front country trails.

The Commission received the presentation and Chair Longstreet distributed certificates of appreciation to Dave Everett and Mike Tarpey.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

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

No comments.

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

Recommendation: That the Commission waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 24, 2017.

The Commission received the items.

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Clark / Martinez Cohen to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 24, 2017.**

**Vote:**

**Majority voice vote (4/0) (Abstain: Longstreet, Lesner-Buxton)**

**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.

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

Documents:

- Staff Report dated June 28, 2017
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Urban Forest Superintendent Tim Downey
- Public Speaker Eric Kelley (Item 5.C.1.)

Recommendation: That the Commission:

A. Conditionally approve the following Street Tree removal request:

1. 420 Paseo Del Descanso – *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palm – Katherine Farhadian

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

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Martinez Cohen / Cavazos to approve the removal on the condition the applicant replace the Mexican Fan Palm with one designated street tree.**

**Vote:**

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

B. Partially approve the following Setback Tree removal request:

1. 427 Verano Dr. – (1) *Fraxinus uhdei*, Evergreen Ash and (1) *Quercus agrifolia*, Coast Live Oak – Cynthia Beraldo and Virginia McCracken

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

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Cavazos / Armbruster to partially approve the setback tree removal of the Evergreen Ash and deny the removal of the Coast Live Oak, with no requirement to plant a replacement tree.**

**Vote:**

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

C. Approve the following Setback Tree removal request:

1. 1627 Calle Canon – *Quercus agrifolia*, Coast Live Oak – Peggy Lindt and Eric Kelley

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

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Clark / Martinez Cohen to approve the removal of the Coast Live Oak.**

**Vote:**

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS**

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

Documents:

-Staff Report dated June 28, 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.

Director Jill Zachary reported on the Mission Historical Park volunteer work day, Shoreline Park playground equipment replacement, Summer Camp registration, Cabrillo Pavilion renovation, and the Refugio Oil Spill settlement appropriations.

The Commission received the report and their questions were answered.

**7. Subject: Creeks Division 2017 Report – For Information (Attachment)**

Documents:

-Staff Report dated June 28, 2017

-Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

-Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary

-Creeks Supervisor George Johnson

-Creeks Manager Cameron Benson

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a presentation on the Creeks Restoration and Water Quality Improvement Division's 2017 Report.

The Commission received the report and their questions were answered.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**8. Subject: Advisory Committee Interview and Appointment – For Action (Attachment)**

Documents:

-Staff Report dated June 28, 2017

Speakers:

-Applicant Timothy Cardy

Recommendation: That the Commission hold an interview and make an appointment to the Santa Barbara Arts and Crafts Show Advisory Committee.

The Commission interviewed the applicant and the following motion was made.

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Martinez Cohen / Clark to approve Timothy Cardy as the new Santa Barbara Arts and Crafts Show Advisory Committee member.**

**Vote:**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:19 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