



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

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, September 27, 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
Commissioner Tara Armbruster
Commissioner Ed Cavazos
Commissioner Jacob Lesner-Buxton (arrived at 4:02)
Commissioner Andria Martinez Cohen
Commissioner Roger Perry
Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Rich Hanna
Parks Manager Santos Escobar
Recreation Manager Judith McCaffrey
Creeks Manager Cameron Benson
Urban Forest Superintendent Tim Downey
Creeks Supervisor George Johnson
Executive Assistant Rose Nevarez

Commissioners Absent

Vice Chair Nichol Clark

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT: Santa Barbara Youth Council Chair Jensen Steady reported Youth Council is working on the ALMA Project and conducting focus groups with youth in the community, a Teen Leadership Conference with the theme of creating healthy communities to which they will invite other local youth councils, a City TV ad on second hand smoke funded by a Coalition of Youth Advocates grant, fundraising to send a few representatives to the National League of Cities conference in Charlottesville, NC, and interviewing candidates for Junior High representatives. The Youth Council is hosting a mayoral candidate's forum focusing on youth issues on October 16th at 5:30 pm at the Louise Lowry Davis Center.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS:

Commissioner Lesner-Buxton attended the Neighborhood Advisory Council.

Commissioner Martinez Cohen attended the Creeks Advisory Committee meeting site visit to Andree Clark Bird Refuge.

Commissioner Perry attended the Arts and Crafts Advisory Committee meeting.

Chair Longstreet attended Neighborhood Advisory Council and the Semi-Annual Commission Chair and Vice Chair meeting held at the Central Library.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS: None

CEREMONIAL ITEMS:

1. Subject: Employee Recognition – Service Award Pins

Assistant Director Rich Hanna recognized Antoine "Leveque" Kyle, Grounds Maintenance Worker I, for 5 years of service, Luis Quesada, Senior Grounds Maintenance Worker, Jim Rumbley, Associate Planner, and Charles "Chick" Williams, Grounds Maintenance Worker I, for 10 years of service, Robert Cerda, Senior Grounds Maintenance Worker for 15 years of service, and Susan Jang Bardick, Senior Recreation Supervisor, 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 August 23, 2017.

The Commission received the items.

Motion:

Commissioner Cavazos / Perry to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 23, 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 September 27, 2017
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Street Tree Supervisor Nathan Slack
- Public Speaker Owen Finley (Item 4.A.1.)
- Street Tree Advisory Committee Member Duke McPherson (Item 4.A.1.)

Recommendation: That the Commission:

A. Approve or refer this item back to the Committee for the following Street Tree removal request:

1. 435 E Valerio Street – *Olea europae*, Olive – Alelia Parenteau

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

Motion:

Commissioner Cavazos / Martinez Cohen to concur with staff's recommendation to approve the removal.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (6/0)

B. Conditionally approve the following Setback Tree removal requests:

1. 441 Old Coast Highway – *Quercus agrifolia*, Coast Live Oak – City of Santa Barbara Public Works Department

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

Motion:

Commissioner Perry / Cavazos to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation to approve removal on the condition Public Works staff work with Parks staff to identify possible locations for street trees.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (6/0)

2. 69 Skyline Circle –*Pittosporum undulatum*, Victorian Box Tree – Jack and Val Hobbs

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

Motion:

Commissioner Armbruster / Martinez Cohen to approve the removal on the condition it be replaced by a tree that can achieve 12 feet in height.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (6/0)

- C. Approve the following Setback Tree removal requests:

1. 200 East Constance Avenue – (1) *Acacia decurrens*, Green Wattle and (1) *Populus spp.*, Poplar – William Faulding

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

Motion:

Commissioner Martinez Cohen / Perry to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and approve the removal.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (6/0)

- D. Deny the following Setback Tree removal requests:

1. 106 Cedar Lane – *Cedrus spp.*, Cedar – Bradford and Holly Emerson

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

Motion:

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

Vote:

Majority voice vote (4/2) (Nay: Cavazos, Lesner-Buxton)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

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

Documents:

-Staff Report dated September 27, 2017

Speakers:

-Nathan Slack, Street Tree Supervisor

-Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Rich Hanna

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

Street Tree Supervisor Nathan Slack reported on Park Division response to the microburst storm event on September 3, 2017, its impact on City trees, and the subsequent clean-up. Assistant Director Rich Hanna reported on Aquatics staff response to the microburst storm event, National Public Lands Day on September 30th, and the Santa Barbara Lawn Bowls Club 80th Anniversary on October 14th.

The Commission received the report and their questions were answered.

6. Channel Islands YMCA Annual Report for Haley Street Youth and Family Center – For Information (Attachment)

Documents:

-Staff Report dated September 27, 2017

-PowerPoint presented by YMCA Staff

Speakers:

-Recreation Manager Judith McCaffrey

-Santa Barbara Family YMCA Executive Director Craig Prentice

-Santa Barbara Family YMCA Membership Services and Outreach Specialist Will Vasquez

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a presentation and annual report for Fiscal Year 2017 from the Channel Islands YMCA's Haley Street Youth and Family Center.

Santa Barbara Family YMCA Executive Director Craig Prentice reported on the types of programs offered, local collaborations, fees, membership, and the Haley Street mural project.

Santa Barbara Family YMCA Membership Services and Outreach Specialist Will Vasquez reported on the 2017 summer camp program.

The Commission received the report and their questions were answered.

7. Subject: Andrée Clark Bird Refuge Restoration Project – For Information (Attachment)

Documents:

-Staff Report dated September 27, 2017

-Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

-Creeks Manager Cameron Benson

-Creeks Supervisor George Johnson

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a presentation on the Andrée Clark Bird Refuge Restoration Project.

Creeks Manager Cameron Benson reported on the background of the Andrée Clark Bird Refuge, three restoration project alternatives and their budget impacts, past and upcoming public outreach, and future steps to be taken.

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

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:32 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