



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: January 24, 2018
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 request:

1. 1700 block of E. Cabrillo Blvd. – (10) *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palms – Alex Ubaldo, City of Santa Barbara Public Works Engineering

The applicant proposes improvements within the intersection of Los Patos Way and Cabrillo Boulevard to improve traffic safety and flow between beach areas and commercial areas. The proposed roundabout will require realignment of the road which will impact a portion of Cemetery Island and the corner of Los Patos Way adjacent to the Andrée Clark Bird Refuge. These impacts will result in the removal of ten *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palms. The applicant proposes to replace the trees on a 1:1 ratio. At the December 5, 2017 meeting the Committee (5/0) recommended that the Commission approve the removals on the condition the trees be replaced on a 1:1 ratio with the following trees: 2 – 15 foot tall, 3 – 20 foot tall, 2 – 25 foot tall, and 3 – 30 foot tall *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palms. The Committee determined the varying sized replacement trees would be a benefit in relation to age diversity.

B. Partially approve the following Street Tree removal request with conditions:

1. 414 Chapala St. – (2) *Archontophoenix cunninghamiana*, King Palms – Jessica Harlin, Barefoot Design

The applicant proposes to remove two *Archontophoenix cunninghamiana*, King Palms, and replace them with two *Jacaranda mimosifolia*, Jacaranda. The Committee determined the reason supplied by the applicant are insufficient to justify the removal of the existing King Palm farthest from the proposed driveway, and that the site would benefit from the planting of the proposed Jacarandas. The Committee recommends that the Commission approve

removal of the palm tree closest to driveway curb cut on the condition (2) replacement Jacaranda trees are planted.

C. Conditionally approve the following Setback Tree removal request:

1. 726 N. La Cumbre Rd. – (10) total trees – Zoe Carlson, Dudek, Owner Agent

The applicant is proposing annexation of 726 N. La Cumbre Road into the City. If approved, the applicant will be required to improve the road right of way along the Pemm Place side of the project. To that end, the applicant is proposing the removal of 11 various trees within the front setback of properties adjacent to their project. Removal of one of the trees received approval for the North La Cumbre Sidewalk Infill Project. The ten remaining trees would be in the way of the required roadway improvements. At the December 5, 2017 meeting the Committee (4/1) recommended that the Commission approve the removals on the condition they be replaced on a 1:1 ratio on private property, and the plan for the public improvements be designed in such a way to accommodate a minimum of six street trees.

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

1. 600 block of Anacapa St. – consider co-designation – Arcadia Studio

Currently the 600 block of Anacapa Street is designated *Archontophoenix cunninghamiana*, King Palm. There are existing Magnolia Trees in this block and a project on the corner of Ortega Street is proposing to add one. The Committee determined this species is suitable for this block. The Committee recommends that the Commission approve *Magnolia grandiflora*, Southern Magnolia, as a co-designated tree for the 600 block of Anacapa St.

2. 100 E. Ortega St. – consider co-designation – Arcadia Studio

Currently the 100 block of E. Ortega Street is designated *Trachycarpus fortunei*, Windmill Palm. A project to install a three story building is proposed for the corner of Anacapa Street. The Committee determined a different tree that would soften the building was warranted for this site. The Committee recommends that the Commission approve *Markhamia hildebrandtii*, Markhamia, as a co-designated tree for the 100 block of E Ortega St.

3. 100 block of E. Sola St. – consider *Handroanthus impetiginosus*, Pink Trumpet Tree, for designation

Currently the 100 block of E. Sola Street is designated *Pittosporum undulatum*, Victorian Box Tree. Throughout southern California this species is succumbing to a leaf disease at a high rate of mortality, and no cure has been identified. The Committee recommends that the Commission approve *Handroanthus impetiginosus*, Pink Trumpet Tree, and remove Pittosporum as the designated tree for the 100 block of East Sola St.

4. 1200 Blanchard St. - consider adding *Prunus cerasifera*, Purple Leaf Plum, as the co-designated tree for the 1200 block of Blanchard St. – Kate Oberjat

Currently the 1200 block of Blanchard Street is designated *Pyrus kawakamii*, Evergreen Pear. This block has an existing mix of Evergreen Pears and Purple Leaf Plums. At the December 5, 2017 meeting the Committee (5/0) recommended that the Commission co-designate *Prunus cerasifera*, Purple Leaf Plum. The Committee determined that the tree would be a good compliment to the street.

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 2. 414 Chapala St.
 3. 726 N. La Cumbre Rd.
 4. 600 block of Anacapa St.
 5. 100 block of E. Ortega St.
 6. 100 block of E. Sola St.
 7. 1200 block of Blanchard St.

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