



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: February 28, 2018
TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department
SUBJECT: Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission:

A. Deny the following Setback Tree removal request:

1. 3849 Connie Way – *Araucaria columnaris*, Star Pine – Leon Thorpe

The Committee determined the tree is healthy, the sidewalk can be repaired, and the drainage issues can be addressed by grading to redirect the flow of water away from the foundation. The Committee recommends that the Commission deny the removal.

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

1. 100 block of E. Sola St. – consider co-designation – Street Tree Advisory Committee

Currently the 100 block of E. Sola Street is designated *Handroanthus impetiginosus*, Pink Trumpet Tree. There is an existing Magnolia Tree in this block and the Committee determined this species is suitable for this block. The Committee recommends that the Commission approve *Magnolia grandiflora* 'Little Gem', Little Gem Magnolia, as a co-designated tree for the 100 block of E. Sola St.

2. 3400-3700 Modoc Rd. - Las Positas/Modoc Rd. Multiuse Path Project

Currently the 3400-3700 blocks of Modoc Road are designated *Jacaranda mimosifolia*, Jacaranda. The Public Works Department is proposing a project to make safety improvements for pedestrian and bicycle safety along Modoc which will provide new parkway space capable of supporting street trees. The Committee determined that *Quercus tomentilla*, Island Oak, would fit into the proposed space while fitting well with the area. The Committee recommends that the Commission approve *Quercus tomentilla*, Island Oak, as a co-designated tree for the 3400-3700 blocks of Modoc Road. Staff determined that

the Jacaranda is not a suitable designation for these blocks of Modoc due to the rural feel of this stretch. Staff recommends that Jacaranda be removed from designation.

3. Las Positas Rd. – Cliff Dr. to Modoc Rd. - Las Positas/Modoc Rd. Multiuse Path Project

Currently Las Positas Road is designated *Jacaranda mimosifolia*, Jacaranda. The Public Works Department is proposing a project to make safety improvements for pedestrian and bicycle safety along Las Positas Road which will provide new parkway space capable of supporting street trees in the area of the intersection with Modoc Road. The Committee determined that *Quercus agrifolia*, Coast Live Oak, would be suitable for the area. They further determined that the Jacaranda is not suitable due to the rural feel of this stretch of Las Positas Road. The Committee recommends that the Commission remove *Jacaranda mimosifolia*, Jacaranda, as the designated tree and designate *Quercus agrifolia*, Coast Live Oak, in its place for Las Positas Road between Cliff Drive and Modoc Road.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 3849 Connie Way
2. 100 block of E. Sola St.
3. 3400-3700 Modoc Rd.
4. Las Positas Rd. – Cliff Dr. to Modoc Rd.

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