



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

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, June 27, 2018
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Beebe Longstreet called the meeting to order at 4:02 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 Roger Perry
Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary
Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Rich Hanna
Parks Manager Santos Escobar
Urban Forest Superintendent Tim Downey
Creeks Associate Planner Tim Burgess
Executive Assistant Rose Nevarez

Commissioners Absent

Commissioner Tara Armbruster
Commissioner Andria Martinez Cohen
Commissioner Kathy McGill

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

Letter from Street Tree Advisory Council member Bob Cunningham

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kenneth Loch

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT:

Youth Council member Nathaniel Getachaw reported that three Youth Council members graduated, and four new Council members were appointed yesterday. The Youth Council is still lacking representation from private schools, and will pursue this next year. Mr. Getachaw gave an overview of the Youth Council's activities over the past year, including the Mayoral Candidates Forum last autumn, the Teen Leadership Conference in May, their partnership with the Coalition Against Gun Violence, and their No Smoking Public Service Announcement. The overarching idea at the conference was #What's Next, a social media movement focused on issues such as gun control and teen mental health, and the Youth Council will work on this idea in the coming year. Their next meeting will take place on July 16.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS:

Commissioner Lesner-Buxton attended the Youth Council End of Year celebration.

Vice Chair Clark attended and reported on the Street Tree Advisory Committee meeting.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS: None

Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary gave the Commission an update on the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget adopted at the Council meeting on June 19.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS:

1. Subject: Employee Recognition – Service Award Pins

Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary recognized Simon Herrera, Parks Supervisor, for 5 years of service.

2. Subject: Commission Recognition of Parks Manager Santos Escobar

The Commission recognized Parks Manager Santos Escobar, who began at the Parks and Recreation Department 25 years ago as a Grounds Maintenance Worker, and will be retiring on July 6. The Commissioners thanked him for his outstanding service and dedication to the Department and community.

CONSENT ITEMS:

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

The Commission received the report. Additionally, Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary reported on the California Department of Justice Tobacco Enforcement Grant of \$878,000 to the City of Santa Barbara which was accepted and adopted at the June 26 Council meeting. Ms. Zachary reported that some of the funds would be for signage in City parks and recreation facilities.

4. Subject: Minutes – For Action (Attachment)

Recommendation: That the Commission waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 23, 2018.

Motion:

Commissioner Clark / Perry to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 23, 2018.

Vote:

Majority voice vote (3/0/1) (Abstain: Longstreet)

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 27, 2018
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Urban Forest Superintendent Tim Downey

Recommendation: That the Commission:

A. Approve the following Setback Tree removal request:

1. 105 Calle Bello – (1) *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palm, and (2) *Eucalyptus spp.*, Eucalyptus – Daniel Dugan

The Commission received the report and the following action was taken:

Motion:

Commissioner Clark / Perry to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and approve the setback tree removal at 105 Calle Bello, including the Mexican Fan Palm and 2 Eucalyptus.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (4/0)

B. Approve the following Street Tree removal request:

1. Hidden Valley Park – (4) *Eucalyptus globulus*, Eucalyptus, and (14) *Fraxinus uhdei*, Evergreen/Shamel Ash – Creeks Division, Parks and Recreation Department

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

Motion:

Commissioner Clark / Perry to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and approve the removal of the 14 Fraxinus uhdei and 4 Eucalyptus globulus at Hidden Valley Park/Open Space.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (4/0)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

5. Subject: Arroyo Burro Restoration at Hidden Valley Project Update – For Information (Attachments)

Documents:

-Staff Report dated June 27, 2018

Speaker:

- Creeks Associate Planner Tim Burgess

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a report on the Arroyo Burro Restoration at Hidden Valley Project.

Creeks Associate Planner Tim Burgess gave background and an update on the project. He described existing conditions and planned improvements, along with community outreach efforts. Construction is estimated to begin in August 2018 and completed in November 2018.

The Commission received the report and their questions were answered.

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

Documents:

-Staff Report dated June 27, 2018

Speaker:

-Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary

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

Director Zachary reported on Concerts in the Park, taking place each Thursday in July from 6:00-8:30 pm in Chase Palm Park. Also, the second round of community meetings for the Dwight Murphy Field and Ortega Park Master Plans will occur in July. The Dwight Murphy meeting is on July 10, at 6:30 pm at the SB Zoo Discovery Pavilion, and the Ortega Park meeting is on July 12, at 6:30 pm at the Globe Theater at SB Junior High.

Additionally, Director Zachary reported that City Council approved the Arroyo Burro Open Space Restoration construction contract at their meeting yesterday. Construction will begin in July, and a meeting with the neighbors and stakeholders will take place before construction begins.

Future presentations to the Commission will include the Youth Council Public Service Announcement, Explore Ecology, and an update on the Cabrillo Pavilion Renovation Project.

Chair Longstreet stated that she watched the Capital Budget hearings concerning many of the planning projects, and Council questioned why we were putting money into planning. She reflected that each of these projects discussed, especially Bohnett and Ortega Parks, are requested and needed by the community, and she would like to convey to Council that this drives these projects. Department staff explained very well how having the projects ready for construction facilitated applying for funding from other agencies. But what Chair Longstreet finds important is that people living around parks and using the parks are requesting more, and we're here to serve the community. Going forward, she would like the Council to keep in mind that our parks are for everybody.

7. Subject: Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan Subcommittee Appointment – For Action (Attachment)

Documents:

-Staff Report dated June 27, 2018

Speakers:

- Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary

Recommendation: That the Commission appoint one member to a new Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan Subcommittee.

The Commission appointed Vice Chair Clark to the Subcommittee with Chair Longstreet as her alternate.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:51 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