



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: July 25, 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 Street Tree removal request:

1. 611 W. Valerio St. – *Tipuana tipu*, Tipu – Kurt Weiss

The Committee (4/0) recommends that the Commission deny the removal. After receipt of the removal request, staff discussed the cracks in the porch and steps with the applicant. Staff advised it might be important to show evidence that the roots were the cause of the cracking. At the Committee meeting, the applicant stated that he dug adjacent to his porch seeking evidence of roots that may be the cause of the cracking and did not observe any roots in the excavation. The Committee also determined the damage to the sidewalk and street could be managed by the City.

B. Deny the following Setback Tree removal requests:

1. 749 Casiano Dr. – *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palm – Mike Richardson Realtors

The Committee (4/0) recommends that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee determined the concern for safety could be mitigated through more frequent maintenance.

2. 3 Carrizo Dr. – *Quercus agrifolia*, Coast Live Oak – David and Bethany Mees

The Committee (4/0) recommends that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee determined there is no evidence the tree is currently causing damage.

3. 125 S. Ontare Rd. – (4) *Pyrus kawakamii*, Evergreen Pear – Lars and Colleen Poulsen

The Committee (4/0) recommends that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee commented that the disease is not impacting the overall health of the trees, but does have an aesthetic impact. The Committee determined the reasons supplied by the applicant are insufficient to justify removal.

C. Conditionally approve the following Setback Tree removal request:

1. 309 W. Quinto St. – (1) *Afrocarpus falcatus*, African Fern Pine, and (1) *Cedrus deodara*, Deodar Cedar – Mark Garwood

The Committee (4/0) recommends that the Commission approve the removals on the condition 1-2 replacement street trees be planted in the parkway along Bath Street at locations to be determined by staff. Staff determined the street tree planting would require the removal of hardscape and the relocation of a parking enforcement sign. Staff further determined there is sufficient space on private property and recommends the replacement tree(s) be placed on private property to mitigate for the loss of these private trees.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 611 W. Valerio St.
2. 749 Casiano Dr.
3. 3 Carrizo Dr.
4. 125 S. Ontare Rd.
5. 309 W. Quinto St.

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