



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: August 22, 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. 316 W. Micheltorena St. – *Pittosporum undulatum*, Victorian Box – Martha Degasis, Arcadia Studio

The Committee (3/0) recommends that the Commission approve removal on the condition the applicant plant two street trees. The Committee determined there is room for one tree fronting 316 W. Micheltorena and one fronting 318 W. Micheltorena St. The Committee noted the declining condition of the tree proposed for removal, and commented that two replacement trees will help compensate for the loss of canopy caused by the removal.

B. Deny the following Setback Tree removal request:

1. 714 Alston Rd. – *Acacia melanoxylon*, Black Acacia – Kate Novotny, Alston Cottage, LLC

The Committee (4/0) recommends that the Commission deny removal without prejudice. The Committee discussed that an arborist report that evaluates the tree's condition, and addresses the potential safety of the tree, could be supplied for further consideration.

C. Approve the following Setback Tree removal request:

1. 405 Old Coast Highway – *Pinus pinea*, Italian Stone Pine – Eric Goodall, Project Engineer, City of Santa Barbara Public Works Engineering

The Committee (3/0) recommends that the Commission approve the removal. The Committee determined the installation of the retaining wall will result in root pruning that will destabilize the tree.

D. Conditionally approve the following Setback Tree removal request:

1. 120 Summit Ln. – (3) *Pinus canariensis*, Canary Island Pine – William and Beth Evick

The Committee (4/0) recommends that the Commission approve the removals on the condition the applicant replace the trees with at least one tree that can achieve 30' or more in height. The Committee determined that two of the trees had been topped in the past, and all three have had the lower canopies removed excessively. Due to the mature nature of the trees, these practices cannot be corrected.

E. Approve the following designation change to the Street Tree Master Plan:

1. 1100-1300 San Pascual St. – tree designation change for parkway size – Staff

The Committee (4/0) recommends that the Commission approve *Brachychiton populneus*, Bottle Tree, for the 1100 block of San Pascual St. only. The Committee determined a change was not necessary for the 1200 and 1300 blocks at this time.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 316 W. Micheltorena St.
2. 714 Alston Rd.
3. 405 Old Coast Highway
4. 120 Summit Ln.
5. 1100 block of San Pascual St.

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