



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT**

**AGENDA DATE:** December 12, 2018  
**TO:** Parks and Recreation Commission  
**FROM:** Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department  
**SUBJECT:** Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Commission:

A. Approve the following Street Tree removal request, with conditions:

1. 2001 Grand Av. – (6) *Tipuana tipu*, Tipu Trees – Cynthia and Vince Norris

The Committee (4/0) recommends that the Commission approve the removals on the condition the applicant replace with designated street trees, number and location to be determined by staff.

B. Approve the following Setback Tree removal request:

1. Cottage Hospital at W. Pueblo St. 2300 block of Bath St. – (1) *Erythrina caffra*, African Coral Tree, and (1) *Pinus canariensis*, Canary Island Pine – Martha Degasis, Arcadia Studio

The Committee (3/0) recommends that the Commission approve the removal as proposed. The Committee determined that although the removals will impact the area initially, the proposed increase in trees will be of greater long term benefit to the community.

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

1. 17 S. Milpas St. – (8) *Metrosideros excelsa*, New Zealand Christmas Tree, and (1) *Ficus microcarpa*, Indian Laurel Fig – Martha Degasis, Arcadia Studio

The Committee (3/0) recommends that the Commission approve the removal of the (8) *Metrosideros excelsa*, New Zealand Christmas Trees, on the condition the Architectural Board of Review approves the proposed changes to the adjacent parking lot. The Committee further recommends the Commission postpone a decision on the (1) *Ficus microcarpa*, Indian Laurel Fig.

The applicant intends to request a street tree designation change on the Carpinteria St. side of the project. The Committee wanted to wait for the decision

on the (1) *Ficus microcarpa*, Indian Laurel Fig Tree, until the street tree designation is also being considered.

D. Approve the following Setback Tree removal request, with conditions:

1. 1460 Crestline Dr. – *Schinus terebinthifolius*, Brazilian Pepper – Bart Millar

The Committee (4/0) recommends that the Commission approve the removal on the condition that the applicant plant a street tree in the parkway at a location to be determined by staff.

2. 820 Alston Rd. – *Quercus agrifolia*, Coast Live Oak – Alexa Newman

The Committee (4/0) recommends that the Commission approve the removal on the condition the applicant receives a building permit for the proposed new driveway location. The Committee determined that this is a reasonable development of the property.

E. Deny the following Setback Tree removal request:

1. 1825 Mission Ridge Rd. – *Pinus canariensis*, Canary Island Pine – Christina Rottman

The Committee (4/0) recommends that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee determined there is no immediate danger and that there are measures such as cabling that could help prevent the tree from losing a limb.

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

1. 500 block of E Ortega St. – Consider change in designation – Staff

The Committee (5/0) recommends that the Commission approve *Prunus lyonii*, Catalina Cherry, as designated species for the 500 block of E. Ortega St. The currently designated tree, *Ligustrum lucidum*, Glossy Privet, is not performing well. The Committee determined the Catalina cherry will fit well in the narrow parkways. The Committee reviewed this item at their November meeting.

2. 00 block of S. Milpas St. – Consider change in designation - Martha Degasis, Arcadia Studio

The Committee (3/0) recommends that the Commission approve *Syagrus romanzoffianum*, Queen Palm, as co-designated species for the 00 block of S. Milpas St. The Committee determined the Queen Palm would match adjacent private trees and enhance the area.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 2001 Grand Av.
2. Cottage Hospital at W. Pueblo St. 2300 block of Bath St.
3. 17 S. Milpas St.
4. 1460 Crestline Dr.
5. 820 Alston Rd.
6. 1825 Mission Ridge Rd.
7. 500 block E. Ortega St.
8. 00 block S. Milpas St.

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