



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

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, July 25, 2018
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Beebe Longstreet called the meeting to order at 4:00 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 Tara Armbruster
Commissioner Andria Martinez Cohen
Commissioner Kathy McGill
Commissioner Roger Perry
Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary
Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Rich Hanna
Urban Forest Superintendent Tim Downey
Executive Assistant Rose Nevarez

Commissioners Absent

Commissioner Jacob Lesner-Buxton

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

Letter from Lars Poulsen opposing Item 3.B.3

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT: None

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS:

Vice Chair Clark reported the Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan Subcommittee will begin meeting in August.

Commissioner Perry attended and reported on the Arts and Crafts Show Advisory Committee meeting.

Chair Longstreet attended and reported on the Neighborhood Advisory Committee meeting. She attended Santos Escobar's retirement barbecue and received the "Parks Make Life Better" Proclamation at the July 31st City Council meeting.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS: None

CEREMONIAL ITEMS: None

CONSENT ITEMS:

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

The Commission received the report and their questions were answered.

2. Subject: Minutes – For Action (Attachment)

Recommendation: That the Commission:

- A. Waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 23, 2018; and
- B. Waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 27, 2018; and
- C. Waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Special Joint Meeting of June 27, 2018.

Motion:

Commissioner Clark / Perry to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 23, 2018, and the Regular and Special Joint Meetings of June 27, 2018.

Vote:

Majority voice vote (6/0)

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.

3. 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
- Street Tree Advisory Committee Member Maury Treman
- Public Speaker Kurt Weiss (Item 3.A.1)
- Public Speaker Lars Poulsen (Item 3.B.3)
- Public Speaker Michelle McToldridge (Item 3.C.1)

Recommendation: That the Commission:

A. Deny the following Street Tree removal request:

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

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

Motion:

Commissioner Clark / Perry to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and deny the removal.

Vote:

Majority voice vote (5/1) (Nay: Martinez Cohen)

B. Deny the following Setback Tree removal requests:

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

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

Motion:

Commissioner Martinez Cohen / Armbruster to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and deny the removal.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (6/0)

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

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

Motion:

Commissioner Armbruster / Clark to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and deny the removal.

Vote:

Majority voice vote (5/1) (Nay: McGill)

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

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

Motion:

Commissioner Longstreet / McGill to refer the item back to the Street Tree Advisory Committee for further consideration.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (6/0)

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

Motion:

Commissioner Armbruster / Perry to approve the removals on the condition they be replaced with one setback tree that will achieve a height of 25 feet or higher.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (6/0)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

4. 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 the Arroyo Burro Open Space Restoration Project, Ortega Park and Dwight Murphy Field Master Plan Projects community meetings,

Children's Fiesta Parade, and improvements to the Santa Barbara Golf Club Driving Range.

5. Subject: Annual Advisory Committee Reports – For Information (Attachment)

Recommendation: That the Commission receive the Annual Advisory Committee Reports.

The Commission received the reports.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

6. Annual Election of Chair and Vice Chair – For Action

Recommendation: That the Commission elect a Chair and Vice Chair to serve as presiding officer for the period of August 1, 2018 through July 30, 2019.

Motion:

Commissioner Longstreet / Perry to nominate Vice Chair Clark as Chair.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (6/0)

Motion:

Commissioner McGill / Martinez Cohen to nominate Commissioner Perry as Vice Chair.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (6/0)

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:58 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