



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: January 23, 2019
TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department
SUBJECT: Commission Recognition of Maury Treman

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission recognize Maury Treman for almost 12 years of volunteer service on the Street Tree Advisory Committee and her role in preserving the Urban Forest.

DISCUSSION:

Since May 17, 2006, Maury Treman volunteered innumerable hours of service in her appointed role on the Street Tree Advisory Committee (STAC). In those 12 years, Maury served as chair 2 times, and attended 124 STAC meetings, various Commission meetings and joint STAC and Commission meetings, and one City Council meeting related to the appeal of a Parks and Recreation Commission action. Maury also represented the STAC on the Technical Advisory Committee for the development of the Urban Forest Management Plan.

Maury always prepared herself before meetings, often bringing resources with her to help understand the tree being considered. She very thoroughly and passionately discussed the application from the point of view of the applicant and community interests. She frequently brought points to the discussion offering alternative solutions that benefit the community with respect to forestation. She made sure that all aspects were considered before developing an informed recommendation.

Maury worked tirelessly to provide advice to the Parks and Recreation Commission on important tree decisions. A few recent examples include tree removal recommendations for the Cabrillo Pavilion and Bathhouse, Las Positas/Modoc Road Multi-purpose Pathway, and the Chase Palm Park Transition Area. Over her tenure, the STAC made recommendations to approve the removal of 877 trees, deny the removal of 288 trees, propose 574 replacement trees, and made 95 changes to the Street Tree Master Plan.

Maury's dedication to preserving the Urban Forest through making sound decisions on tree removals and assisting with the Urban Forest Management Plan will continue to enhance Santa Barbara for many years to come.

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