



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: Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission:

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

1. 550 Olive St. – *Ficus benjamina*, Weeping Fig – Frank Reynoso with Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District

The Committee (5/0) recommends that the Commission approve the removal on the condition the applicant replace with a tree that has the potential to achieve a height of 25 feet to be placed somewhere in close proximity to street frontage.

B. Deny the following Setback Tree removal requests:

1. 211 Oliver Rd. – (2) *Hesperocyparis macrocarpa*, Monterey Cypress – David and Gay Dassler

The Committee (5/0) recommends that the Commission deny the removals. The Committee determined that the lean is not an indication that the trees are unstable, rather that they developed in that orientation, and that the trees lean away from the overhead power lines.

2. 2302 Anacapa St. – *Cedrus deodara*, Deodar Cedar – James A. Tamborello

The Committee (5/0) recommends that the Commission deny the removal. Through discussion at the meeting, the owners indicated the tree roots were a problem about 15 years ago, however the line had been replaced and they were no longer experiencing roots in the sewer lateral. The Committee determined the removal of this tree would be an impact to the neighborhood, and the tree could be pruned to provide fire clearance.

C. Approve the following change to the Street Tree Master Plan:

1. All of S. Hope Ave. – Consider (purple) Jacaranda as a co-designation – Bob Cunningham, Arcadia Studio, Inc.

The Committee (5/0) recommends that the Commission approve *Jacaranda mimosifolia*, Jacaranda, as co-designated species for all of S. Hope Ave. The Committee determined that Jacarandas will provide much needed canopy cover. Studies have shown that speeds are reduced along roads with mature trees. The Committee determined canopy trees will help reduce speed of traffic in the area.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 550 Olive St.
2. 211 Oliver Rd.
3. 2302 Anacapa St.
4. All of S. Hope Ave.

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