



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: March 27, 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 requests with conditions:

1. 801 Sea Ranch Dr. – *Eucalyptus spp.*, Eucalyptus – Terilynn Langsev

At the October 24, 2018 meeting the Commission approved the removal of a Queen Palm on this property on the condition the tree is replaced with a tree that has the potential to achieve 20 feet in height. The applicant proposes to remove an additional tree and replace the two removals with three trees. The Committee determined that the tree proposed for removal is still pretty young and by replacing it with two trees the community would benefit from the proposal. However, the Committee determined the proposed replacement trees are identified as invasive in California.

The Committee (4/0) recommends that the Commission approve removal on the condition the replacement trees are not on the California Native Plant Society list of invasive trees.

2. 801 and 829 Sea Ranch Dr. – 10 various trees – Burke, Theofanous, Hammond, and Langsev

The applicant proposes removal of trees on properties owned by two non-applicant owners. The Committee reviewed a slightly different request at their October 4, 2018 meeting. After the Committee meeting, it came to staff's attention that the adjacent owners were not aware of the request to remove trees on their property. Staff asked the applicant to work with their neighbors and re-submit the request. The revised proposal requests removal of two trees on the property of 801 Sea Ranch Rd. and eight on the property at 829 Sea Ranch Rd. The owners of those properties have now been consulted and are supportive of the request.

The Committee (3/0) recommends that the Commission approve the removal of ten trees as proposed, on the condition that they are replaced with nine trees that are not on the California Native Plant Society list of invasive trees and have the

potential to achieve 20-30 feet in height. Three at 801 Sea Ranch Drive, and six at 829 Sea Ranch Drive.

3. 2122 Bath St. – (1) *Persea Americana*, Avocado and (1) *Afrocarpus falcatus*, African Fern Pine – Alex Pujo, Pujo and Associates, Inc.

The Committee determined the proposed project is a reasonable development of the property. The Committee (5/0) recommends that the Commission approve the removal of both trees on the condition a suitable number of street trees be accommodated within the street.

B. Deny the following Street Tree removal request:

1. 2514 Castillo St. – *Eucalyptus nicholii*, Nichol's Willowleafed Peppermint Gum – Blanca F. Benedict

The Commission previously reviewed a request for removal of this tree on March 22, 2017 and unanimously voted to deny the request. The Commission decision was subsequently appealed to City Council on May 2, 2017. City Council voted to deny the appeal and uphold the Commission decision.

The Committee determined the tree is in good health, and the conditions haven't changed since the March 22, 2017 Commission denial of the applicant's request. The Committee (5/0) recommends that the Commission deny the removal.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 801 Sea Ranch Dr.
2. 801 and 829 Sea Ranch Dr.
3. 2122 Bath St.
4. 2514 Castillo St.

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