



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: April 24, 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 Street Tree removal request with conditions:

1. 1030 Calle Malaga – *Pinus canariensis*, Canary Island Pine – Richard Elliot

The Committee determined the tree proposed for removal is too close to the mature Canary Island Pine Tree adjacent to it. They further determined there is space farther away where a new tree would not be crowded by the mature trees thus providing for an age diversity for the area. The Committee (4/0) recommends that the Commission approve the removal on the condition a replacement designated street tree be planted at a location to be determined by City staff.

B. Approve the following Setback Tree removal request with conditions:

1. 1318 Carpinteria St. – (1) *Albizia Spp*, Mimosa, (1) *Afrocarpus gracilior*, African Fern Pine – Arelhy Arroyo Alvarez

The applicant is proposing to make improvements to the property for required off street parking. The current driveway configuration does not allow for two cars to park as required by the Zoning Ordinance. Additionally, the current driveway directs rain water onto the public sidewalk. The new driveway will need to direct rain water onto the property, which requires substantial grading adjacent to the two trees proposed for removal.

The Committee (4/0) recommends that the Commission approve the removal of the *Afrocarpus* Tree on the condition the applicant plant at least one tree that has the potential to achieve 30 feet in height. The Committee also recommends the Commission approve the removal of the other tree if staff determines the tree cannot be preserved during construction.

In response to the Committee's recommendation, the applicant had the area excavated around the tree trunk in order to expose the tree roots. Staff evaluated

the tree roots and determined there is only one major root on the driveway side of the tree. Any new driveway excavation will require this one root be severed. Staff recommends the Commission approve both removals on the condition the applicant replace with a tree that has the potential to achieve 30 feet in height.

C. Deny the following Setback Tree removal request:

1. 2131 Red Rose Way – *Araucaria heterophylla*, Norfolk Island Pine – Karen and Byron Blanco

The Committee determined that the tree has suitable rooting space and provides much needed canopy for the neighborhood. The Committee (4/0) recommends that the Commission deny the removal.

D. Deny the following request to change the Street Tree Master Plan:

1. 400 block of Alan Rd. – consider King Palm trees as a co-designation – Sean Shahrouzi

The Committee determined the six foot parkway supports tree species with larger canopies than the King Palm, and that the King Palm is suited for much smaller spaces. The Committee further determined the currently designated *Pistacia chinensis*, Chinese Pistache Tree, is performing well on Alan Road. The Committee (4/0) recommends that the Commission deny the co-designation of King Palm.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 1030 Calle Malaga
2. 1318 Carpinteria St.
3. 2131 Red Rose Way
4. 400 block Alan Rd.

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