



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

**REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, June 26, 2019  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Nichol Clark called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. at the City Council Chamber.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Nichol Clark

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners and Staff Present**

Chair Nichol Clark  
Vice Chair Roger Perry  
Commissioner Cory Baker  
Commissioner Beebe Longstreet  
Commissioner Andria Martinez Cohen  
Commissioner Kathy McGill  
Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Rich Hanna  
Urban Forest Superintendent Tim Downey  
Neighborhood and Outreach Services Supervisor Susan Young  
Recreation Program Leader Isis Castaneda  
Executive Assistant Rose Nevarez

**Commissioners Absent**

Commissioner Jacob Lesner-Buxton

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** None

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT:**

Neighborhood and Outreach Services Supervisor Susan Young reported six new members were appointed, but there are still vacancies. Youth interested can volunteer and get experience with the Youth Council and apply during the next recruitment process. A new Chair and Vice Chair were elected, and other positions will be elected at the August meeting. A public service announcement on gun violence was completed and will begin airing soon. Upcoming activities include anti-harassment training, leadership training, media camps with TV SB, and producing public service announcements on youth-focused tobacco issues.

**COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS:**

Commissioner Baker did not attend the Golf Advisory Committee but reported the agenda included the Golf Course Performance and Maintenance Reports. As it's summer, play is increasing, which will require increased maintenance.

The June Arts and Crafts Show Advisory Committee meeting was cancelled, but Vice Chair Perry walked the show on Sunday and found it enjoyable. Matters currently of interest include integration of the show, monitor issues, and allocation of advertising funds.

Commissioner Martinez-Cohen was not able to attend the Creeks Advisory Committee meeting, but reported the agenda included an update on the Water Quality Research and Monitoring Program.

**COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**CEREMONIAL ITEMS:**

**1. Subject: Employee Recognition – Service Award Pins**

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Rich Hanna recognized Project Planner Justin Van Mullem for 5 years of service.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

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

The Commission received the report.

**3. Subject: Minutes – For Action (Attachment)**

Recommendation: That the Commission waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 22, 2019.

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Martinez Cohen / Longstreet to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 22, 2019.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous 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.

**4. Subject: Setback Tree Removal Requests – For Action (Attachments)**

Documents:

- Staff Report dated June 26, 2019
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Urban Forest Superintendent Tim Downey

Recommendation: That the Commission:

- A. Hear a presentation and recommendations from Staff regarding three setback tree removal applications since the Street Tree Advisory Committee was unable to meet and provide recommendations due to a lack of a quorum; and
- B. Conditionally approve the following Setback Tree removal requests:
  - 1. 1844 – 1850 E. Las Tunas Rd. – *Corymbia ficifolia*, Red Flowering Gum – Jan Everote and Martha Gabbert

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

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Longstreet / McGill to concur with Staff's recommendation that pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090, the character of the neighborhood with respect to forestation would not be materially**

**affected by the proposed tree removal, and approve the removal on the condition the proposed 48 inch box fruitless olive tree is planted.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (6/0)**

2. 640 W. Ortega St. – *Pinus spp.*, Pine – James Nichols

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

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Clark / Perry to concur with Staff's recommendation pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090, that the safety of persons or property dictates removal, and approve the removal on the condition the tree is replaced within the minimum front setback with a tree that has the potential to achieve 25 feet in height.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (6/0)**

3. 1206 Plaza Del Monte – *Platanus racemosa*, Western Sycamore – Karen Christman, Arbor Services, Inc.

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

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Martinez Cohen / Longstreet to concur with Staff's recommendation pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090, that the removals would adhere to the principles of good forestry management, and approve the removals on the condition the trees are replaced with at least one tree that has the potential to achieve 35 feet in height.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (6/0)**

## **ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS**

5. **Subject: Director's Report – For Information (Attachment)**

Documents:

-Staff Report dated June 26, 2019

Speaker:

-Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Rich Hanna

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a presentation on the status of the various Parks and Recreation Department initiatives and activities.

Assistant Director Hanna reported on the National Trails Day volunteer event on the Cold Spring Trail, MacKenzie Off-Leash Dog Area, Bohnett Park neighborhood meetings, City Council Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget adoption, confetti outreach efforts, and Concerts in the Park.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:41 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