



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: August 28, 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. 320 Paseo Del Descanso – *Acacia melanoxylon*, Black Acacia – Jed Miller

The Committee determined the tree is in decline and that the right of way on this side of the property is too small to support a new tree. The Committee recommends (4/0) that the Commission approve the removal on the condition a replacement street tree gets planted along the Paseo Del Descanso frontage.

B. Partially approve the following setback tree removal request with conditions:

1. 2414 Santa Barbara St. – (2) *Ulmus parvifolia*, Chinese Elm, and (1) *Magnolia grandiflora*, Southern Magnolia – Nicole Horn, CJM::LA

The Committee determined the bulk of the design goals could be achieved while preserving the westernmost Elm tree. The Committee recommends (4/0) that the Commission approve the removal of the Magnolia and the eastern Chinese Elm on the condition the applicant replace with two Oaks as proposed; and deny the removal of the westernmost Chinese Elm.

The Committee determined that pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090, the Commission could make the finding that a reasonable and practical development of the property on which the tree is located requires removal of the trees.

C. Deny the following setback tree removal request without prejudice:

1. 233 Calle Manzanita – *Acer saccharinum*, Silver Maple – Jan Rohrbach

The Committee determined there isn't enough visual evidence to make a determination that the tree is unstable. The Committee commented that a comprehensive assessment and Arborist Report on the extent of the decay could provide sufficient information to reconsider this request. The Committee could not support any finding pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090 for the removal of this tree

without additional information. The Committee recommends (3/1) that the Commission deny the removal without prejudice.

D. Deny the following setback tree removal request:

1. 1532 W. Valerio St. – *Pinus halepensis*, Aleppo Pine – Kevin and Jean Cook

The Committee determined the street could be repaired, the tree could be trimmed back from the deck and away from the lines, the sewer line issue had already been dealt with, the pitch drop is likely the result of an insect that could be mitigated through treatment, and the existing plants under the tree are healthy. The Committee could not support any finding pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090 for the removal of this tree. The Committee recommends (4/0) that the Commission deny the tree removal.

E. Approve the following changes to the Street Tree Master Plan:

1. 1200 block of Del Oro Ave. – consider Southern Magnolia as an alternate designation – David Dolotta

The Committee determined the existing designated tree, *Melaleuca quinquinervia*, Cajeput Tree, is too large for the five foot wide parkways, and that the block consists of other species more suited to the parkway size.

The Committee recommends (4/0) that the Commission change the designation to co-designate *Magnolia grandiflora* 'Little Gem', Little Gem Magnolia, and *Magnolia grandiflora* 'St. Mary', St. Mary Magnolia, for the 1200 block of Del Oro Ave. There are existing Magnolias already in this block.

2. 0 block of Anacapa St. – alternate street tree – Bob Cunningham

The Committee determined there are already Magnolias in this block and the currently designated King Palms do not provide much tree canopy. The Committee recommends (4/0) that the Commission add *Magnolia grandiflora* 'Little Gem', Little Gem Magnolia, and *Magnolia grandiflora* 'St. Mary Magnolia', St. Mary Magnolia, as new co-designations for the 0 block of Anacapa St.

- ATTACHMENTS:**
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 2. 2414 Santa Barbara St.
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 5. 1200 block of Del Oro Ave.
 6. 0 block of Anacapa St.

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