



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

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, August 28, 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 Kathy McGill
Commissioner Jacob Lesner-Buxton (4:20)
Commissioner Beebe Longstreet
Commissioner Andria Martinez Cohen
Commissioner Roger Perry
Parks Manager Matthew Parker
Creeks Manager Cameron Benson
Urban Forest Superintendent Tim Downey
Parks Supervisor Nathan Slack
Creeks Outreach Coordinator Liz Smith
Recreation Programs Leader Isis Castaneda
Executive Assistant Rose Nevarez

Commissioners Absent

Commissioner Cory Baker

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Don Lafler

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT:

Chair Quinn Stefan reported for the Youth Council, who are just beginning their year after the summer break. Ms. Stefan and Youth Councilmember Palmerin Piña attended the

inaugural Mayor's National Youth Summit in Los Angeles with Mayor Cathy Murillo at the end of July. Recruitment is open for 5 vacancies on the Youth Council and the application deadline is September 24. There are currently 4 new members, 7 returning members, and 3 new Jr. High members. Youth Council members will participate in a leadership training on September 6 and 7.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS:

Vice Chair McGill attended the PARC Foundation Board meeting, and attended and spoke at the August 6 and August 13 City Council meetings on the proposed Municipal Code amendments.

Commissioner Longstreet attended the August 6 City Council meeting and attended and spoke at the August 13 City Council meeting on the proposed Municipal Code amendments. Commissioner Longstreet also spoke in support of the MOU with the Gwendolyn Strong Foundation at the August 13 Council meeting.

Chair Clark attended the PARC Foundation Board meeting and the Street Tree Advisory Committee meeting.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS: None

CEREMONIAL ITEMS:

1. Subject: Employee Recognition – Service Award Pins

Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary recognized Grounds Maintenance Worker II Spencer Frasher 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 July 24, 2019.

Motion:

Commissioner Perry / McGill to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 24, 2019.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (5/0)

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: Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations – For Action (Attachments)

Documents:

- Staff Report dated August 28, 2019
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Urban Forest Superintendent Tim Downey
- Public Speaker Jed Miller (Item 4.A.1)
- Public Speaker Nicole Horn, CJM::LA (Item 4.B.1)
- Public Speaker Ida Kane (Item 4.B.1)
- Public Speaker Jan Rohrbach (Item 4.C.1)

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 Commission received the report, listened to testimony, their questions were answered, and the following action was taken:

Motion:

Commissioner Martinez Cohen / Perry to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and approve the removal on the condition a designated replacement street tree be planted along the Paseo Del Descanso frontage.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (5/0)

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 Commission received the report, listened to testimony, their questions were answered, and the following action was taken:

Motion:

Commissioner McGill / Longstreet to approve the application as written, for the removal of the 3 trees to be replaced with 3 Coast Live Oaks, as pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090, a reasonable and practical development of the property requires removal of the trees.

Vote:

Majority voice vote (5/1) (Nay: Clark)

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

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

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

Motion:

Commissioner Longstreet / Martinez Cohen to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and deny the removal without prejudice.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (6/0)

D. Deny the following setback tree removal request:

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

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

Motion:

Commissioner Longstreet / Clark to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and deny the removal.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (6/0)

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 Commission received the report and the following action was taken:

Motion:

Commissioner McGill / Martinez Cohen to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee to change and co-designate Little Gem Magnolia and St. Mary Magnolia for the 1200 block of Del Oro Avenue.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (6/0)

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

The Commission received the report and the following action was taken:

Motion:

Commissioner Longstreet / McGill to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee to add and co-designate Little Gem Magnolia and St. Mary Magnolia for the 0 block of Anacapa Street.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (6/0)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

5. Subject: Street Tree Master Plan – For Information (Attachment)

Documents:

-Staff Report dated August 28, 2019

Speaker:

-Urban Forest Superintendent Tim Downey

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a presentation on the history and use of the Street Tree Master Plan.

Urban Forest Superintendent Tim Downey gave the history and overview of the Plan, explained the process for changes to Street Tree designations, and gave examples of reasons for designation changes.

The Commission received the report and their questions were answered.

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

Documents:

-Staff Report dated August 28, 2019

Speaker:

-Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary

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

Director Jill Zachary reported on the annual Day of Caring taking place on September 14 at Skater's Point Skate Park and Yanonali Community Garden, the Fall Activities Guide, Free Classes Week at the Carrillo Recreation Center from September 16 to 21, and the Mission Historical Park Olive Tree Planting Project.

7. Subject: Youth Watershed Education Update – For Information (Attachment)

Documents:

-Staff Report dated August 28, 2019

Speaker:

- Creeks Outreach Coordinator Liz Smith

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a report on the Creeks Division's Youth Watershed Education programs.

Creeks Outreach Coordinator Liz Smith gave an overview of the Division's education and outreach efforts, including advertising, community and volunteer events, online outreach, projects and programs, and community based outreach programs.

Coordinator Smith then reported on the free youth watershed education classes provided through a contract with Explore Ecology, and additional youth education opportunities.

The Commission received the report and their questions were answered.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:22 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