



## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** September 25, 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. 820 Lowena Dr. – *Dracaena draco*, Dragon Tree – Matthew Firestone

This tree removal request was last reviewed at the July 24, 2019 Commission meeting. At that time, the Commission voted to postpone a decision until more information could be provided regarding the feasibility of relocating the sidewalk around the tree, and a landscape plan, if available, could be provided. The Public Works Department researched various options to relocate the sidewalk which cannot be achieved through reasonable means.

The Committee reviewed the information about relocating the sidewalk and the landscape plans. The Committee recommends (5/0) that the Commission approve removal on the condition a replacement tree that can achieve 20 feet in height be installed at 915 E. Anapamu Street in the Lowena Drive setback fronting unit 20.

B. Approve the following setback tree removal request with conditions:

1. 2435 State St. – *Pittosporum undulatum*, Victorian Box – Maureen Needham

The Committee recommends (5/0) that the Commission approve the removal on the condition a replacement tree be planted that has the potential to achieve a height of 20 feet. The Committee determined the tree is in severe decline.

The Committee determined that pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090, the Commission could make the finding that the character of the immediate neighborhood with respect to forestation will not be materially affected by the proposed removal; and that principles of good forest management will best be served by the proposed removal and replacement.

C. Deny the following setback tree removal requests:

1. 825 Roble Ln. – *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palm – Kent Mixon

The Committee could not support any finding pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090 for the removal of this tree. The Committee recommends (5/0) that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee commented that the spa equipment could be located away from the tree or installed on piles rather than a slab, preserving the tree.

2. 411 E. Padre St. – *Viburnum odoratissimum*, Sweet viburnum – Mark Shields

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. The Committee commented that the tree is rare and the reasons supplied by the applicant are insufficient to justify removal.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 820 Lowena Dr.
2. 2435 State St.
3. 825 Roble Ln.
4. 411 E. Padre St.

**PREPARED BY:** Tim Downey, Urban Forest Superintendent

**APPROVED BY:** Jill E. Zachary, Parks and Recreation Director