



## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** October 23, 2019

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department

**SUBJECT:** Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Commission:

A. Partially approve the following street tree removal request:

1. 40 E. Anapamu St. – (2) *Pyrus calleryana*, Flowering Ornamental Pear, (1) *Phoenix reclinata*, Senegal Date Palm, and (1) *Phoenix reclinata*, Senegal Date Palm (transplant) – Kalie Grubb, Arcadia Studio

The Committee recommends (2/1) that the Commission deny approval of (2) *Pyrus calleryana*, Flowering Ornamental Pears, and approve removal of the (2) *Phoenix reclinata*, Senegal Date Palms as proposed on the application. Member Cunningham recused himself.

The Committee members in support of the partial denial felt the flowering ornamental pear trees could be reasonably retained during the plaza renovation project.

B. Partially approve the following setback tree removal request:

1. 646 Sea Ranch Dr. – (4) *Schinus molle*, California Pepper – Peterson's Tree Care, Inc.

The Committee recommends (4/0) that the Commission approve removal of (1) *Schinus molle*, the second pepper tree from the south. The Committee noted that the condition of the proposed removals were generally in good health, but the first two trees furthest to the south were planted too close to one another.

The Committee determined that pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090 A, the Commission could make the finding that principles of good forest management will be best served by the proposed removal, commenting that the removal of the identified tree will allow for more room for the adjacent tree to develop.

C. Approve the following setback tree removal request:

1. 3761 State St. – (3) *Cupaniopsis anacardioides*, Carrot Wood – Karen Christman, Arbor Services, Inc.

The Committee recommends (4/0) that the Commission approve the removals. The Committee commented that the trees were in poor health and no efforts would improve their condition.

The Committee determined that pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090 A, the Commission could make the finding that principles of good forest management will be best served by the proposed removals, noting that the street trees adjacent to the proposed removals were doing so well a replacement tree in this location was not required.

D. Conditionally approve the following setback tree removal request:

1. 411 E. Padre St. – *Viburnum odoratissimum*, Sweet viburnum – Mark Shields

This item was reviewed during the September 25, 2019 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. During review, the applicant provided additional information to the Commission to accompany their initial application. After review of the new material, the Parks and Recreation Commission made a motion to refer this application back to the Street Tree Advisory Committee for further review.

The Committee recommends (3/1) that the Commission approve removal on the condition a designated street tree is planted, in addition to the planting of a tree located within the front setback as proposed by the applicant.

The Committee determined that pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090 A & B, the Commission could make the findings that principles of good forest management will be best served by the proposed removal and that the character of the immediate neighborhood with respect to forestation will not be materially affected by the proposed removal. The Committee noted that the replacement of two new trees offsets the removal of the existing setback tree and does not materially affect the character of the neighborhood.

E. Deny the following setback tree removal request:

1. 1210 Cacique St. – *Pinus pinea*, Italian Stone Pine – Fabiola Campos, Flamingo Mobile Home Park

The Committee recommends (4/0) that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee commented that the tree is reasonably healthy, root related issues can be mitigated, and the removal of the tree would be a material loss to the neighborhood.

The Committee determined that none of the findings pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090 fit the circumstances of this request.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 40 E. Anapamu St.
2. 646 Sea Ranch Dr.
3. 3761 State St.
4. 411 E. Padre St.
5. 1210 Cacique St.

**PREPARED BY:** Nathan Slack, Acting Urban Forest Superintendent

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