



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: December 18, 2019
TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department
SUBJECT: Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission:

A. Conditionally approve the following setback tree removal requests:

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

This item was previously reviewed during the August 28, 2019 meeting. During the meeting the Commission concurred with the Street Tree Advisory Committee's recommendation to deny the removal without prejudice, recommending that the applicant return to the Committee with additional information regarding the condition of the tree.

The Committee recommends (4/0) that the Commission approve removal of an *Acer saccharinum*, Silver Maple, with the condition the applicant replace with a canopy tree that has the potential to achieve 30 feet in height.

The Committee members noted that the tree did have the presence of multiple fungal pathogens and was exhibiting a significant decline in vigor as identified in the new arborist report submitted.

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.

2. 104 Santa Cruz Blvd. – *Pittosporum undulatum*, Victorian Box – Christopher Kay

The Committee recommends (5/0) that the Commission approve removal of the *Pittosporum undulatum*, Victorian box, with the condition it be replaced with a canopy tree that can achieve a mature height of 30 feet, and that it be planted within the front setback on Santa Cruz Blvd.

The Committee noted that the tree's vigor was declining and no efforts would improve its condition. The Committee commented that replacement of the tree would provide more benefit to the home and the community.

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.

3. 215 La Jolla Dr. – *Maytenus boaria*, Mayten Tree – Frank and Marlene Bucy

The Committee recommends (5/0) that the Commission approve the removal of the *Maytenus boaria*, Mayten Tree, with the condition that the applicant replace with a *Cassia leptophylla*, Gold Medallion, as proposed by the applicant.

The Committee noted that the structure and vigor of the tree would not support continued growth and that replacement of the existing tree would provide more benefit to the home and community.

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

B. Deny the following street tree removal request:

1. 521 Alameda Padre Serra – *Eucalyptus camaldulensis*, River Red Gum – Richele Mailand, Richele Design

The Committee recommends (5/0) that the Commission deny removal.

The Committee noted that the tree was in good health, the identified issues with the retaining wall could be managed without impacting the tree, and that removal of the tree would be a material loss to the neighborhood.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 233 Calle Manzanita
2. 104 Santa Cruz Blvd.
3. 215 La Jolla Dr.
4. 521 Alameda Padre Serra

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