



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

**REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, January 23, 2019  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Nichol Clark called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. at City Council Chambers.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Nichol Clark

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners and Staff Present**

Chair Nichol Clark  
Vice Chair Roger Perry  
Commissioner Cory Baker  
Commissioner Jacob Lesner-Buxton  
Commissioner Beebe Longstreet  
Commissioner Andria Martinez Cohen  
Commissioner Kathy McGill  
Councilmember Kristin Sneddon  
Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary  
Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Rich Hanna  
Urban Forest Superintendent Tim Downey  
Senior Recreation Supervisor Susan Jang Bardick  
Recreation Supervisor Susan Young  
Neighborhood & Outreach Services Coordinator Ricardo Venegas  
Recreation Coordinator Ariana Bilek  
Recreation Program Leader Christianne Rojo  
Recreation Program Coordinator Alejandra Valencia  
Administrative Analyst Michele Kostenuik  
Executive Assistant Rose Nevarez

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:**

Item 9 was postponed to the February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT:**

Youth Council Secretary Michael Diaz reported on various activities and upcoming events, including the partnership with What Is Love to support outreach and education to teens in schools for Teen Dating Violence Month, free media camp training at TVSB with Councilmember Gutierrez, a Youth Speak Out on Teen Suicide during the Teen Leadership Conference on April 27<sup>th</sup>, and the Annual Youth Leadership Awards Banquet on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

**COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS:**

Commissioner McGill attended the PARC Foundation Board meeting.

Vice Chair Perry attended the Arts and Crafts Advisory Committee meeting.

Commissioner Longstreet attended the Sea Level Rise Adaptation Committee meeting.

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

**COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:**

Chair Clark welcomed Commissioner Cory Baker.

**CEREMONIAL ITEMS:**

**1. Subject: Employee Recognition – Service Award Pins**

Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary recognized Senior Maintenance Worker Ray Unzueta for 5 years of service.

**2. Subject: Commission Recognition of Maury Treman**

Recommendation: That the Commission recognize Maury Treman for almost 12 years of volunteer service on the Street Tree Advisory Committee, and her role in preserving the Urban Forest.

Urban Forest Superintendent Tim Downey acknowledged Maury Treman's efforts to preserve the urban forest, and thanked her for her hard work and service to the Parks and Recreation Department.

Chair Clark thanked Ms. Treman and stated that in her role as the Commission liaison to the Street Tree Advisory Committee, she appreciated Ms. Treman's dedication and

her skill for finding a balance between property owner rights and the needs of the urban forest.

Commissioner Longstreet thanked Ms. Treman, in particular, for her work on the Urban Forest Management Plan.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

**3. Subject: Summary of Council Actions – For Information (Attachment)**

The Commission received the report and their questions were answered.

**4. Subject: Minutes – For Action (Attachment)**

Recommendation: That the Commission waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2018.

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Perry / Longstreet to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2018.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (7/0)**

**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.

**5. Subject: Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations – For Action (Attachments)**

**Documents:**

- Staff Report dated January 23, 2019
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

**Speakers:**

- Urban Forest Superintendent Tim Downey
- Public Speaker David Dassler (Item 5.B.1)
- Public Speaker Bill Ferguson (Item 5.B.1)

Recommendation: That the Commission:

- A. Approve the following Street Tree removal request, with conditions:

1. 550 Olive St. – *Ficus benjamina*, Weeping Fig – Frank Reynoso with Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District

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

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Longstreet / McGill to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation to approve the removal on the condition it be replaced by a tree able to achieve 25 feet in height at a location in close proximity to the street frontage.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (7/0)**

- B. Deny the following Setback Tree removal request:

1. 211 Oliver Rd. – (2) *Hesperocyparis macrocarpa*, Monterey Cypress – David and Gay Dassler

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

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Longstreet / Perry to refer the item back to the Street Tree Advisory Committee for further consideration.**

**Vote:**

**Majority voice vote (6/1) (Nay: Lesner-Buxton)**

2. 2302 Anacapa St. – *Cedrus deodara*, Deodar Cedar – James A. Tamborello

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

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Longstreet / Martinez Cohen to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation to deny the removal.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (7/0)**

- C. Approve the following change to the Street Tree Master Plan:

1. All of S. Hope Ave. – Consider (purple) Jacaranda as a co-designation – Bob Cunningham, Arcadia Studio, Inc.

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

**Motion:**

**Commissioner McGill / Longstreet to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation to approve Jacaranda as a co-designated species.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (7/0)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS**

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

Documents:

-Staff Report dated January 23, 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 Zachary reported on the annual pruning at the A.C. Postel Memorial Rose Garden on January 19th.

**7. Subject: Neighborhood and Outreach Services Program Review – For Information (Attachment)**

Documents:

-Staff Report dated January 23, 2019

-Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

-Recreation Supervisor Susan Young

-Neighborhood & Outreach Services Coordinator Ricardo Venegas

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a report on the Parks and Recreation Department Neighborhood and Outreach Services Section Programs and Services.

Recreation Supervisor Susan Young gave an overview on staffing, co-sponsored programs and collaborations, non-profit facility leases, neighborhood center use and rentals, and the Youth Council.

Neighborhood & Outreach Services Coordinator Ricardo Venegas gave an overview of the Youth Employment, Santa Barbara Arts Alliance, Community Garden, and Food Distribution programs and the Franklin Youth Drop-In Center.

Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary added that Ricardo Venegas, Susan Young, and the Youth Council seek outside funding for the programs and commended them for their continuing efforts in obtaining grants.

The Commission received the report and their questions were answered.

**8. Subject: Recognition of Food Distribution Volunteers – For Information (Attachment)**

Documents:

-Staff Report dated January 23, 2019

Speakers:

-Recreation Supervisor Susan Young

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a presentation regarding the Food Distribution program and recognize program volunteers for their commitment to serving the community through the food distribution program held at three City of Santa Barbara locations.

Recreation Supervisor Susan Young introduced Recreation Program Leader Christianne Rojo who manages the Food Distribution Program, and acknowledged that the program could not happen without the dedicated volunteers. Many of the volunteers have been involved with the program for over 10 years.

Chair Clark thanked the volunteers for their true service and dedication in continuing to volunteer week after week and distributed Certificates of Appreciation.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**9. Subject: De La Guerra Plaza Revitalization Project – For Action (Attachment)**

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a brief presentation on the proposed De La Guerra Revitalization Project and appoint two members of the Commission to the De La Guerra Plaza Revitalization Subcommittee.

Item postponed to the February 27, 2019 meeting.

**10. Subject: Street Tree Advisory Committee Appointments – For Action**

The Commission was advised they needed to finalize their appointment of Anthony De Mola and Bob Cunningham to the Street Tree Advisory Committee.

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Longstreet / Perry to appoint Anthony De Mola and Bob Cunningham to the Street Tree Advisory Committee.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (7/0)**

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:16 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