



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

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, November 20, 2019
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Kathy McGill called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. at the City Council Chamber.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Kathy McGill

ROLL CALL

Commissioners and Staff Present

Vice Chair Kathy McGill
Commissioner Cory Baker
Commissioner Jacob Lesner-Buxton
Commissioner Beebe Longstreet
Commissioner Roger Perry – departed 5:03
Parks Manager Matthew Parker
Urban Forest Superintendent Nathan Slack
Capital Projects Supervisor George Thomson
Senior Recreation Supervisor Jason Bryan
Recreation Supervisor Adam Porte
Recreation Coordinator Julie Thomas
Marketing Coordinator Summers Case
Executive Assistant Rose Nevarez

Commissioners Absent

Chair Nichol Clark
Commissioner Andria Martinez Cohen

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

Item 7 was postponed to the December meeting.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

Document from Gail Oshwenko regarding the West Beach Splash Playground (Public Comment).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Gail Oshwenko, Gail Ward, and Catherine Bos

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT:

Youth Council Tim Chau reported on the City Council Candidates Forum on October 28 at the Louis Lowry Davis Center and that the anti-vaping public service announcement is in final draft. Two Youth Council members are currently attending the Youth Delegation at the National League of Cities City Summit in San Antonio, TX. The Santa Barbara Youth Council can be followed on Instagram or Facebook.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS:

Commissioner Perry attended the De La Guerra Plaza Revitalization Subcommittee meeting.

Commissioner Longstreet attended and reported on two Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan Subcommittee meetings and attended the Parks and Recreation Department Employee Awards Breakfast.

Commissioner Lesner-Buxton attended the Youth Council meeting and the Parks and Recreation Department Employee Awards Breakfast.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS: None

CEREMONIAL ITEMS:

1. Subject: Recognition of Mission City Church Santa Barbara (Attachment)

Recommendation: That the Commission recognize Mission City Church of Santa Barbara for its commitment to and support of Adapted Recreation Program dances, EGGstravaganza, and the Recreation Afterschool Program (RAP).

Recreation Coordinator Julie Thomas recognized the church for their strong belief in giving back to the community through their support of the Parks and Recreation Department programs.

2. Subject: Recognition of Chris Benedict, DJ of Ability (Attachment)

Recommendation: That the Commission recognize Chris Benedict, DJ of Ability, for his dedication and unwavering support of Adapted Recreation Program dances serving hundreds of participants of all ages and abilities.

Recreation Supervisor Adam Porte recognized Chris Benedict for serving as DJ for all Adapted Recreation Valentine's Day, Spring Fling, and Halloween dances for the past 4 years.

CONSENT ITEMS:

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

The Commission received the report.

4. Subject: Minutes – For Action (Attachment)

Recommendation: That the Commission waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 23, 2019.

Motion:

Commissioner Perry / Longstreet to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 23, 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.

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

Documents:

- Staff Report dated November 20, 2019
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Urban Forest Superintendent Nathan Slack
- Public Speaker Erin Carroll, Landscape Architect (Item 5.A.1)
- Public Speaker Bob Cunningham, STAC Member (Items 5.A.1 and 5.B.1)
- Public Speaker Carin Richard (Item 5.B.1)

Recommendation: That the Commission:

A. Partially approve the following setback tree removal request:

1. 1201 Del Oro – (1) *Lophostemon confertus*, Brisbane Box, (1) *Magnolia grandiflora*, Southern Magnolia, and (1) *Archontophoenix cunninghamiana*, King Palm (relocated) – Erin Carroll, Landscape Architect

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

Motion:

Commissioner Perry / McGill to approve the removals of the Brisbane Box and Southern Magnolia and the relocation of the King Palm on the condition that the Olive tree shown in the landscape plan be planted and an additional tree, species to be determined in consultation with Staff, be planted in the parkway, as pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090, a reasonable and practical development of the property requires removal of the trees.

Vote:

Majority voice vote (4/1) (Nay: Longstreet)

B. Conditionally approve the following setback tree removal request:

1. 407 La Marina – (2) *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palm, (1) *Ulmus parvifolia*, Chinese Elm – Carin and Gareth Richard

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 removals on the condition 3 King Palm street trees be planted, as pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090, a reasonable and practical development of the property requires removal of the trees.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (5/0)

2. 3139 Sea Cliff – (19) various trees – Trish Allen, SEPPS, Inc.

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

Motion:

Commissioner Longstreet / McGill to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and approve the removals on the condition they 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:

Unanimous voice vote (5/0)

C. Deny the following setback tree removal request:

1. 437 Northridge Rd. – *Pinus pinea*, Italian Stone Pine – Dale and Judith Seaborg

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

Motion:

Commissioner Baker / McGill to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and deny the removal, as no findings pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090 fit the circumstances.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (5/0)

D. Approve the following changes to the Street Tree Master Plan:

1. 300-400 Paseo Del Descanso – consider an alternate designation – STAC

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

Motion:

Commissioner Longstreet / Perry to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and approve Desert Willow as an alternate designation.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (5/0)

2. 500-800 San Pascual Street – consider an alternate designation – Staff

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

Motion:

Commissioner Longstreet / Baker to adopt Staff's recommendation of Natchez Hybrid Crape Myrtle as an alternate designation.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (5/0)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

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

Documents:

-Staff Report dated November 20, 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 Department's Employee Awards Breakfast on October 31, and the Mission Garden olive tree planting celebration on November 18.

OLD BUSINESS

7. Subject: Capital Improvement Projects Update - For Information (Attachment)

Documents:

-Staff Report dated November 20, 2019

Speakers:

-Capital Projects Supervisor George Thomson

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a presentation on the status of the active Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Projects.

Capital Projects Supervisor George Thomson reported on the Cabrillo Pavilion, Louise Lowry Davis Center, and MacKenzie Park Restroom renovations, Ortega Park Master Plan, Thousand Steps, Bohnett Park, West Beach Splash Playground, and Parma Park Sustainable Trail Plan.

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:25 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