



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: January 22, 2020
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 street tree removal request:

1. 1317 Punta Gorda St. – *Cupaniopsis anacardioides*, Carrot Wood – Natalie Ochsner

The Committee recommends (3/0) that the Commission approve removal, on the condition the applicant replace with a 24" box *Quercus agrifolia*, Coast Live Oak, which is the designated street tree. The applicant will be responsible for the installation of the conditioned replacement. Once planted, Forestry staff will be responsible for watering and care.

The request for street tree removal is due to the relocation of an existing driveway apron further to the east. The existing street tree is located within the new driveway's footprint. The new driveway will be the point of access for a new average unit-size density incentive multi-unit housing development.

The Committee members noted that the tree was in decline and observed several large fungal fruiting bodies at the base of the tree, suggesting advanced decay may be present within the tree. During review of the site and the submitted plans, the Committee commented that it appeared there was adequate space for the planting of a designated street tree in lieu of the tree proposed for removal.

B. Conditionally approve the following setback tree removal request:

1. 1171 Crestline Dr. – *Ficus benjamina*, Weeping Fig – Anthony R. Perez

The Committee recommends (3/0) that the Commission approve removal, on the condition the applicant replace with a tree that can achieve a mature height of 25 feet, and that it be planted within the front setback.

The Committee members noted that the subject tree has extensive die back present in the canopy, as well as fungal fruiting bodies from *Oxyporous* sp. at the base of the tree. *Oxyporous* sp. is common on Weeping Fig and causes death of the tree.

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.

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

1. 700, 900 – 1000 blocks of E. Yanonali St. – consider an alternate designation – STAC

The request for co-designation on the identified blocks of E. Yanonali Street is to add diversity to the existing designation of *Magnolia grandiflora*, Southern Magnolia, and its cultivars. The emergence of Tulip Tree Scale on the City's existing Southern Magnolia population warrants a cautious look at continued planting of the species. Staff will gradually be working with the Street Tree Advisory Committee to develop co-designations for areas in town where Southern Magnolia, and its cultivars are used to allow for the addition of species for planting that do not have issues with Tulip Tree Scale.

The Committee recommends (3/0) that the Commission approve *Brachychiton acerifolius*, Flame Tree, and *Brachychiton discolor*, Queensland Lacebark, as co-designations for the 700 block of E. Yanonali St.

Additionally, the Committee recommends *Spathodea campanulata*, African Tulip Tree, *Quercus tomentella*, Island Oak, and *Nuxia floribunda*, Forest Elder, as co-designations for the 900 – 1000 blocks of E. Yanonali St.

ATTACHMENTS: 1. 1317 Punta Gorda St.
2. 1171 Crestline Dr.
3. 700, 900 – 1000 blocks of E. Yanonali St.

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