



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

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, June 24, 2020
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Commissioners and Staff Present

Chair Nichol Clark
Vice Chair Kathy McGill
Commissioner Cory Baker (departed 5:50)
Commissioner Jacob Lesner-Buxton
Commissioner Beebe Longstreet
Commissioner Andria Martinez Cohen
Commissioner Roger Perry (departed 5:45)
Business Manager Nicole Parmelee
Recreation Manager Rich Hanna
Urban Forest Superintendent Nathan Slack
Public Works Supervising Transportation Planner Jessica Grant
Executive Assistant Rose Nevarez

GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Changes To The Agenda - None
- B. Written Communications - None
- C. Public Comment - None
- D. Commissioner Committee Assignment Reports

Commissioner Perry attended the De la Guerra Plaza Revitalization Design Subcommittee meeting.

Commissioner Longstreet attended and reported on the De la Guerra Plaza Revitalization Design Subcommittee meeting.

Commissioner Lesner-Buxton reported the Youth Council has not met since March but will begin meeting again next week.

Commissioner Baker attended and reported on the Golf Advisory Committee meeting.

Vice Chair McGill attended the City Council Budget Hearing and spoke on behalf of the Department.

Chair Clark attended the Street Tree Advisory Committee meeting.

E. Commission And Staff Communications - None

CEREMONIAL ITEMS:

1. Subject: Employee Recognition – Service Award Pins

Business Manager Nicole Parmelee recognized Alvaro Garcia, Grounds Maintenance Crew Leader, for 5 years of service.

CONSENT ITEMS:

2. Subject: Minutes – For Action (Attachment)

Recommendation: That the Commission waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 13, 2020.

Motion:

Commissioner Perry / McGill to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 13, 2020.

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.

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

Documents:

- Staff Report dated June 24, 2020
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Urban Forest Superintendent Nathan Slack
- Public Works Supervising Transportation Planner Jessica Grant
- Melissa Cunningham, Coalition for Sustainable Transportation (Item 3.A.1.)
- Karen Luckett (Item 3.A.1.)
- Rhonda Wheatley (Item 3.D.2.)
- Josephina Campos via email (Item 3.D.2.)

Recommendation: That the Commission:

A. Approve the following street tree removal requests:

1. Mission St. and Micheltorena St. – (18) *various trees* – The Westside Bike Boulevard Gap Closure Project – Public Works Engineering, Alexis Flores

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

Motion:

Commissioner Longstreet / Clark to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and approve the removals on the condition that removals not occur until the plan is fully approved, including locations in the area for 46 replacement trees.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (7/0)

2. 700-800 blocks of Chapala St. – (7) *Archontophoenix cunninghamiana*, King Palm, and (1) *Jacaranda mimosifolia*, Jacaranda – Paseo Nuevo Owner, LLC

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

Motion:

Commissioner Longstreet / Perry to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and approve the removals on the condition 5 new Jacarandas be planted and 3 existing King Palms be replanted after sidewalk construction is completed, and if transplanting of the existing King Palms is not successful, they be replaced by new King Palms with a minimum brown trunk height of 15 feet.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (7/0)

B. Conditionally approve the following street tree removal request:

1. 1258 San Miguel Ave. – *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palm – Ray Ames

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

Motion:

Commissioner McGill / Baker to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and approve the removal on the condition the project is approved and the applicant work with the City Arborist to find a suitable location for a replacement street tree within the project vicinity.

Vote:

Majority voice vote (7/0)

C. Conditionally approve the following setback tree removal requests:

1. 711 Spring St. – (2) *Syzygium australe*, Brush Cherry – Matthew Miller

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

Motion:

Commissioner Clark / Longstreet to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and approve the removals on the condition the applicant plant a replacement tree that can achieve 25 feet in height, as pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090, the principles of good forest management will be best served by the removals.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (7/0)

2. 3979 La Colina Rd. – *Schinus terebinthifolia*, Brazilian Pepper – Patricia Butler

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

Motion:

Commissioner McGill / Longstreet to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and approve the removal on the condition that a replacement tree that can achieve a minimum height of 35 feet be planted within the front setback, as pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090, the principles of good forest management will be best served by the removals and regard for safety of persons or property dictates removal.

Vote:

Majority voice vote (7/0)

D. Deny the following setback tree removal requests:

1. 1616 Hillcrest Rd. – *Quercus agrifolia*, Coast Live Oak – Robert and Alyce Parsons

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

Motion:

Commissioner Longstreet / Clark to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and deny the removal without prejudice, as pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090, no findings for its removal were identified.

Vote:

Majority voice vote (6/1) (Nay: Perry)

2. 536 Bath St. – *Pinus pinea*, Italian Stone Pine – Rhonda Wheatley

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

Motion:

Commissioner Longstreet / Clark to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and deny the removal but without prejudice, as pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090, no findings for its removal were identified.

Vote:

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

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

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

Documents:

-Staff Report dated June 24, 2020

Speaker:

-Business Manager Nicole Parmelee

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a presentation on the status of the various Parks and Recreation Department initiatives and activities.

Business Manager Nicole Parmelee gave updates on the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget and Santa Barbara Golf Club operations, and reported on facility reopening plans and tentative future Commission meeting items.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

5. Subject: Summer Camps And Recreation Programs – For Information (Attachment)

Documents:

- Staff Report dated June 24, 2020
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Recreation Manager Rich Hanna

That the Commission receive a presentation on youth summer camps and recreation programs offered by the Parks and Recreation Department (Department) this summer.

Recreation Manager Rich Hanna reported on this year's Summer Camps and recreation programs, including operational and logistical considerations taken due to COVID-19, programs and camps being offered, reductions in camps, programs, and projected revenue compared to 2019, and other local service providers and their programs.

The Commission received the report and thanked the Department and staff for their hard work and dedication to providing recreation programs under current challenging conditions.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:55 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