



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

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, July 22, 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
Commissioner Jacob Lesner-Buxton
Commissioner Beebe Longstreet
Commissioner Andria Martinez Cohen
Commissioner Roger Perry
Urban Forest Superintendent Nathan Slack
Parks Manager Matthew Parker
Public Works Supervising Transportation Planner Jessica Grant
Public Works Project Engineer Eric Goodall
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 Longstreet attended and reported on the Neighborhood Advisory Committee meeting.

Commissioner Lesner-Buxton attended and reported on the Youth Council meeting.

- E. Commission And Staff Communications - None

CEREMONIAL ITEMS: None

CONSENT ITEMS:

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

The Commission received the report and their questions were answered.

2. Subject: Minutes – For Action (Attachment)

Recommendation: That the Commission waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 24, 2020.

Motion:

Commissioner Perry / Martinez Cohen to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 24, 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 July 22, 2020
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Urban Forest Superintendent Nathan Slack
- Public Works Project Engineer Eric Goodall
- Public Works Supervising Transportation Planner Jessica Grant
- Philip Suding, Landscape Architect (Item 3.A.2.)
- KK Holland (Item 3.D.1.)
- Mary O'Flynn (Item 3.F.1.)
- Martha Gebhardt (Item 3.F.1.)

Recommendation: That the Commission:

A. Conditionally approve the following street tree removal requests:

1. 1700 block of E. Cabrillo Blvd. – (9) *Syagrus romanzoffiana*, Queen Palm, and (11) *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palm – Eric Goodall, Public Works Engineering

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 there be a 1 to 1 replacement ratio.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (7/0)

2. 200 block of State St. – (24) *Cassia leptophylla*, Gold Medallion Tree – Eric Goodall, Public Works Engineering

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

Motion:

Commissioner McGill / Longstreet to approve the revised recommendation for the removal of 14 Gold Medallion trees on the condition there be a 1 to 1 replacement ratio.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (7/0)

B. Deny the following street tree removal request:

1. 2514 Castillo St. – *Eucalyptus nicholii*, Nichol's Willowleafed Peppermint Gum – Blanca Benedict

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

Motion:

Commissioner Clark / McGill to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and deny the removal.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (7/0)

C. Approve the following setback tree removal requests:

1. 2403 Bath St. – *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palm – Bob Cunningham, Arcadia Studio, Inc.

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

Motion:

Commissioner Perry / Longstreet to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and approve the removal, as pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090, a reasonable and practical development of the property on which the tree is located requires removal of the tree.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (7/0)

2. 1435 Crestline Dr. – *Quercus agrifolia*, Coast Live Oak – Mary Thompson

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

Motion:

Commissioner McGill / Martinez Cohen to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and approve the removal, as pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090, the principles of good forest management will be best served by the removal.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (7/0)

D. Conditionally approve the following setback tree removal request:

1. 1522 San Pascual St. – (1) *Quercus agrifolia*, Coast Live Oak, and (1) *Fraxinus uhdei*, Evergreen Ash – KK Holland and David Atkins

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

Motion:

Commissioner McGill / Longstreet to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and approve the removals on the condition that the applicant work with the City Arborist to determine the location within the front setback for a replacement tree that can achieve a height of 20 feet, 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)

E. Partially approve the following setback tree removal request:

1. 3240 Campanil Dr. – (1) *Taxodium mucronatum*, Montezuma Cypress, and (2) *Sequoia sempervirens*, Coast Redwood – Steve Welton, Sepps, Inc.

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 approve the removal of the 2 Coast Redwoods and deny removal of the Montezuma Cypress, as pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090, principles of good forest management will be best served by removal of the Coast Redwoods, and a reasonable and practical development of the property on which the trees are located requires their removal, and no findings for the removal of the Montezuma Cypress were identified.

Vote:
Unanimous voice vote (7/0)

F. Deny the following setback tree removal request:

1. 1411 San Miguel Ave. – *Schinus terebinthifolia*, Brazilian Pepper Tree – Mary O’Flynn

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, as pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090, no findings for its removal were identified.

Vote:
Unanimous voice vote (7/0)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

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

Documents:

-Staff Report dated July 22, 2020

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.

Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary reported on the Department's work efforts for the Fourth of July holiday weekend and gave an update on facility improvements and capital projects, including the Bohnett Park restroom, Chase Palm Park Center, Plaza Vera Cruz, and Louise Lowry Davis Center renovations, and Bohnett Park access and picnic area improvements and storm water treatment.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

5. Subject: Parks Division Report – For Information (Attachment)

Documents:

-Staff Report dated July 22, 2020
-Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

-Parks Manager Matthew Parker

That the Commission receive a presentation on the status of various Parks Division projects, including the Division's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and programs and projects in progress or recently completed.

Parks Manager Matthew Parker reported on the Parks Division's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Plaza Vera Cruz renovation, Oak Park Tennis Court landscape project, park tree care projects, and staffing.

The Commission received the report.

6. Subject: Annual Advisory Committee Reports – For Information (Attachment)

That the Commission receive the Annual Advisory Committee Reports.

The Commission received the reports.

7. Subject: Annual Election of Chair and Vice Chair – For Action

Motion:

Commissioner McGill / Longstreet to reappoint Nichol Clark as Commission Chair.

Motion:

Commissioner Longstreet / Clark to reappoint Kathy McGill as Commission Vice-Chair.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (7/0)

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:19 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