



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

**REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, November 15, 2017  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Beebe Longstreet called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m. at City Council Chambers.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Beebe Longstreet

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners and Staff Present**

Chair Beebe Longstreet  
Commissioner Jacob Lesner-Buxton  
Commissioner Andria Martinez Cohen  
Commissioner Roger Perry  
Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary  
Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Rich Hanna  
Parks Manager Santos Escobar  
Urban Forest Superintendent Tim Downey  
Executive Assistant Rose Nevarez

**Commissioners Absent**

Vice Chair Nichol Clark  
Commissioner Ed Cavazos  
Commissioner Tara Armbruster

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** None

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT:** Santa Barbara Youth Council Chair Jensen Steady reported on the focus groups they are conducting through the ALMA Project and an infomercial on smoking they are producing with City TV. The Youth Council conducted applicant interviews for vacant positions and City Council will interview the applicants later this month and in early December.

**COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS:**

Commissioner Perry reported on the Arts and Crafts Advisory Committee meeting.

Commissioner Lesner-Buxton reported on the Neighborhood Advisory Council meeting.

Chair Longstreet reported on the Neighborhood Advisory Council meeting, the Draft Coastal Land Use Plan open house, and the November 14<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting where she spoke in support of the Cabrillo Pavilion construction item.

**COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**CEREMONIAL ITEMS:**

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

Director Jill Zachary recognized George Thomson, Capital Projects Supervisor, for 10 years of service.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

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

No comments.

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

Recommendation: That the Commission waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 25, 2017.

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Martinez Cohen / Perry to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 27, 2017.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (4/0)**

## **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.

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

Documents:

-Staff Report dated October 25, 2017

-Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

-Urban Forest Superintendent Tim Downey

Recommendation: That the Commission:

A. Conditionally approve the following Street Tree removal requests:

1. 100 block of Ortega St. / 634 Anacapa St. – *Trachycarpus fortunei*, Chinese Windmill Palm – Martha Degasis, Arcadia Studio

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

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Martinez Cohen / Lesner-Buxton to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and conditionally approve the removal based on the condition that as many street trees as feasible be planted.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (4/0)**

2. 816 W. Anapamu St. – *Olea europaea*, Olive – Sally Glasgow

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

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Martinez Cohen / Perry to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation to approve the removal on the condition it be replaced with one street tree in a new location.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (4/0)**

B. Approve the following Setback Tree removal requests:

1. 2507 Mesa School Ln. – (2) palms, (1) Melaleuca, (1) Yucca and (1) Lemon Lime – Robert and Madeline Towery

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

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Martinez Cohen / Perry to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and approve the removals.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (4/0)**

2. 2433 Calle Soria – *Eriobotrya japonica*, Edible Loquat – William and Julie Smith

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

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Martinez Cohen / Perry to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and approve the removal.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (4/0)**

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

1. 1000 block of Coast Village Rd. – consider alternates for the co-designated tree and remove *Platanus X hispanica*, London Plane, as the current designation – Bob Cunningham

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

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Martinez Cohen / Perry to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and approve the change of co-designation to the Street Tree Master Plan by removing the London Plane designation and replacing it with the California Sycamore.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (4/0)**

## **ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS**

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

Documents:

-Staff Report dated November 15, 2017

Speakers:

-Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary

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

Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary reported on the Cabrillo Pavilion renovation project and campaign.

The Commission received the report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**6. Subject: Draft Coastal Land Use Plan Review – For Information (Attachments)**

Documents:

-Community Development Report dated November 15, 2017

-PowerPoint presented by Community Development Staff

Speakers:

-Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary

-Community Development Project Planner Rosie Dyste

-Community Development Principal Planner Debra Andaloro

Recommendation: That the Commission receive an informational presentation from Planning Division staff on the Draft Coastal Land Use Plan (LUP), the Draft Plan's public outreach and review, and draft policies relating to parks and recreation.

Community Development Project Planner Rosie Dyste and Principal Planner Debra Andaloro reported on the background of the Local Coastal Program, its Update Subcommittee, public outreach and review, and the policies specifically relating to, or that may affect, parks and recreation facilities. These include public access, visitor-serving and recreational facilities, and coastal hazards policies. The Draft Coastal LUP policies support recreation and all modes of access to the shoreline and beach, including public parking.

The Commission received the report.

Chair Longstreet mentioned the Commission had just heard a report on the Bird Refuge, a project which the LUP will pertain to. Commissioner Martinez Cohen also remarked on the impact the LUP will have on that project.

Commissioner Lesner-Buxton mentioned hearing from people with disabilities that when they have parked by the beach and remained in their cars they have been told by parking officials that they need to pay for parking, while other communities allow this for free. He mentioned this to suggest having somewhere for people to park for free for a limited time and view the scenery from their cars be considered in the Draft Coastal LUP. Chair Longstreet believes the Accessibility Committee should approach the Harbor as this an issue of accessibility. Principal Planner Debra Andaloro replied that she believes the area Commissioner Lesner-Buxton was speaking about was one of the key public parking areas identified in the LUP. Any restrictions on parking would have to demonstrate there would be no significant impact to Coastal access, including ensuring that portions of the community are not being excluded from utilizing those areas.

Chair Longstreet encouraged Commissioners to familiarize themselves with the document and it would be placed on a future agenda for brief discussion and to formulate recommendations to be forwarded to staff.

## **7. Advisory Committee Interviews and Appointments – For Action (Attachments)**

Documents:

- Staff Report dated November 15, 2017

Speakers:

- Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary
- Joanne Payne
- Desmond O'Neill
- Bruce Reed
- Greg Chittick
- Kristen LaBonte

Recommendation: That the Commission hold interviews and make appointments to various advisory committees.

The Commission interviewed an applicant for the Golf Advisory Committee and made the following motion.

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Martinez Cohen / Perry to appoint Joanne Payne in the Executive Women's Golf Club category.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (4/0)**

The Commission interviewed applicants for the Street Tree Advisory Committee and made the following motions.

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Martinez Cohen / Perry to reappoint Desmond O'Neill in the City of Santa Barbara Resident category.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (4/0)**

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Martinez Cohen / Lesner-Buxton to reappoint Bruce Reed and Duke McPherson in the Non-Resident category.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (4/0)**

The Commission interviewed applicants for the Integrative Pest Management Advisory Committee and made the following motion.

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Perry / Lesner-Buxton to reappoint Gregg Chittick and Kristen LaBonte in the Community At Large category.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (4/0)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:30 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