



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

**Street Tree Advisory Committee
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, October 3, 2013
Parks Lunch Room
402 E. Ortega Street
8:30 a.m.**

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER 8:33 AM
2. ROLL CALL
Members present: Bob Cunningham, Billy Goodnick, Duke McPherson, and Maury Treman
Staff present: Tim Downey, and Patty Herrera
P&R Commission Liaison: Lesley Wiscomb
Public present: Lisa Burns and Grant Castleberg
Member absent: Des O'Neill
3. PUBLIC COMMENT
None
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. Regular Meeting, August 1, 2013 – Approved
Member Bob Cunningham moved, seconded by Maury Treman that the August 1, 2013, Minutes be approved, passed, 4/0.
 - B. Regular Meeting, September 5, 2013 – Approved
Member Maury Treman moved, seconded by Bob Cunningham that the September 5, 2013, Minutes be approved, passed, 4/0.
5. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
 1. Tree Removal Considerations, Item 1. – Application was withdrawn.
6. MEMBER AND STAFF COMMUNICATION
 - A. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION ACTIONS
 1. Tim updated STAC Members of Commission actions: Commission concurred with all of STAC's recommendations.
 2. Tim updated STAC Members on enforcement cases.
 3. Tim encouraged STAC members whose terms are expiring to re-apply.
7. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. TREE REMOVAL CONSIDERATIONS
 1. STREET TREES
None
 1. SETBACK TREES
None

8. STREET TREE MASTER PLAN
- a. 2100 block of Santa Barbara St. – consider change to *Syagrus romanzoffianum*, Queen Palm as a co-designation.

Recommendation to approve

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve *Syagrus romanzoffianum*, Queen Palm as a co-designation.

Member Bob Cunningham moved, seconded by Maury Treman to recommend approval of *Syagrus romanzoffianum*, Queen Palm as a co-designation for the 2100 block of Santa Barbara St., passed 4/0.

- b. 2200 block of Santa Barbara St. – request addition of Oak tree species

Recommendation to approve

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve *Quercus virginiana*, Southern Live Oak as a co-designation.

Member Bob Cunningham moved, seconded by Maury Treman to recommend approval of *Quercus virginiana*, Southern Live Oak as a co-designation for the 2200 block of Santa Barbara St., passed 4/0.

- c. 2300-2400 blocks of Santa Barbara St.

Recommendation to deny

The Committee recommends that the Commission deny the request to remove *Chorisia speciosa*, Silk-Floss Tree from the Street Tree Master Plan.

Member Bob Cunningham moved, seconded by Maury Treman to recommend that the Commission deny the request to remove *Chorisia speciosa*, Silk-Floss Tree from the Street Tree Master Plan, passed 4/0.

- d. 2200-2400 blocks of Garden St. (west side) – request removal of existing Kaffir Plums

Recommendation to postpone

The Committee recommends that the Commission postpone the request to next month's meeting with direction that STAC Members come up with a list of species to be considered.

Member Bob Cunningham moved, seconded by Duke McPherson to postpone request to next month's meeting with direction that STAC Members come up with a list of species to be considered, passed 4/0.

- e. 200 block of E. Junipero St. – request addition of *Olea europaea*, Olive

Recommendation to approve

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve *Olea europaea*, Olive as a co-designation.

Member Bob Cunningham moved, seconded by Billy Goodnick to recommend approval of *Olea europaea*, Olive as a co-designation, passed 3/1. Member Maury Treman opposed.

- f. 500-900 blocks of W. Valerio St. – request addition of *Cedrela fissilis*, Brazilian Cedar Wood

Recommendation to amend

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve *Cedrela fissilis*, Brazilian Cedar Wood as a designated tree and remove *Tipuana tipu*.

Member Bob Cunningham moved, seconded by Maury Treman to recommend approval of *Cedrela fissilis*, Brazilian Cedar Wood as the designated tree and remove *Tipuana tipu*, passed 4/0.

- g. 1100-1900 blocks of Gillespie St. – request addition of *Pistacia chinensis*, Chinese Pistache

Recommendation to amend

The Committee recommends that the Commission remove *Koelreuteria bipinnata*, Chinese Flame Tree from the Street Tree Master Plan and approve *Pistacia chinensis*, Chinese Pistache and *Brachychiton discolor*, Pink Flame Tree and *Brachychiton acerifolius*, Australian Flame Tree as co-designations.

Member Bob Cunningham moved, seconded by Maury Treman to recommend that the Commission remove *Koelreuteria bipinnata*, Chinese Flame Tree from the Street Tree Master Plan and approve *Pistacia chinensis*, Chinese Pistache and *Brachychiton discolor*, Pink Flame Tree and *Brachychiton acerifloius*, Australian Flame Tree as co-designations, passed 4/0.

Lisa Burns and Grant Castleberg attended the meeting to discuss their requests and suggestions to make changes to the Street Tree Master Plan and spoke about their requests from the neighborhood walk by 47 local neighbors.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. 200-300, 3000 blocks of Samarkand Dr. – consider *Stenocarpus sinuatus*, Firewheel Tree as a co-designation

Recommendation to postpone

Member Bob Cunningham moved, seconded by Maury Treman to recommend that the Commission postpone co-designation of this tree, to November's meeting with consideration of staff's recommendations that *Stenocarpus* will not work in the parkway, passed 4/0.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Downey, Urban Forest Superintendent

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