



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

**Street Tree Advisory Committee
SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, July 11, 2013
Parks Lunch Room
402 E. Ortega Street
8:30 a.m.**

Special Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER 8:35 AM
2. ROLL CALL
Members present: Bob Cunningham, Duke McPherson, Maury Treman, and Des O'Neill
Staff present: Tim Downey, Patty Herrera
P&R Commission Liaison: Lesley Wiscomb
Public present: Holiday and Richard Vaill
3. PUBLIC COMMENT
None
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A. Regular Meeting, June 6, 2013 – Approved as amended

Member Des O'Neill moved, seconded by Bob Cunningham that the June 6, 2013, Minutes be approved, passed 4/0.

- B. Regular Meeting, July 4, 2013 – Approved

Member Bob Cunningham moved, seconded by Maury Treman that the July 4, 2013, Minutes be approved, passed 4/0.

5. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
A. Street Tree Master Plan – changed 300 E. Pedregosa St. to 1800 block of Laguna St.
6. MEMBER AND STAFF COMMUNICATION
A. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION ACTIONS
 1. Tim updated STAC Members of Commission actions; he informed STAC that the Commission had a split vote on 3405 Chuparosa Dr.
 2. Tim updated STAC Members on enforcement cases; six new reported cases, eight closed.
 3. Lesley Wiscomb shared that currently there are five commissioners. Watch for recruitment for 2 Commissioners.
 4. Tim informed STAC that the City is launching a new website. He will be sending STAC members' links to sign up to receive online STAC e-notifications along with the ability to view and print the STAC packet. The website will include a roster of STAC members: their name, length of time with STAC and term expiration date.
 5. Tim also reminded STAC of their mandatory Ethics training.

6. Tim notified STAC he attended a seminar regarding plant names. Tim will share links with STAC regarding new plant names and why the names were changed.
7. Tim informed STAC that the Sandman Inn, a site reviewed previously by STAC, will be on the August agenda.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. TREE REMOVAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. STREET TREES
None

1. SETBACK TREES

- a. 3703 Coral St. – (6) Washingtonia robusta, Mexican Fan Palms –
Carla Berkowitz

Recommendation to deny

The Committee recommends (4/0) that the Commission deny the removals. The Committee determined that the reasons supplied by the applicant are insufficient to justify removal. STAC commented that removing these trees would have a major impact on the local urban forest.

Member Bob Cunningham moved, seconded by Des O'Neill to recommend that the Commission deny the removal of (6) Washingtonia robusta, Mexican Fan Palms, passed 4/0.

- b. 2312 Wellington Ave. – Jacaranda mimosifolia, Jacaranda –
Holiday and Richard Vaill

Recommendation to deny

Applicants, Holiday and Richard Vaill were present at the Committee meeting and spoke in support of removal. Both stated their opinion that the tree is enormous and growing into the wires and that the tree is really just taking over and is out of scale. They told STAC that they felt having the Birch tree on the other side of the property is enough. They believe trimming and maintaining the Jacaranda tree only causes the already huge tree to grow even more.

The Committee recommends (4/0) that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee determined that the reasons supplied by the applicant are insufficient to justify removal. STAC commented that removing this tree would be a significant loss to the urban forest.

Member Maury Treman moved, seconded by Bob Cunningham to recommend that the Commission deny the removal, passed 4/0.

8. STREET TREE MASTER PLAN

- a. 200 block of E. Mission St. – co-designate

Recommendation to approve change

The Committee recommends (4/0) that the Commission co-designate *Corymbia ficifolia*, Red-flowering Gum for the 200 block of E. Mission St.

Member Bob Cunningham moved, seconded by Des O'Neill to co-designate *Corymbia ficifolia*, Red-flowering Gum for the 200 block of E. Mission St., passed 4/0.

b. 1800 block of Laguna St. – co-designate

Recommendation to approve change

The Committee recommends (4/0) that the Commission co-designate *Quercus tomentella*, Island Oak for the 1800 block of Laguna St.

Member Bob Cunningham moved, seconded by Duke McPherson to recommend that the Commission co-designate *Quercus tomentella*, Island Oak for the 1800 block of Laguna St., passed 4/0.

9. OLD BUSINESS

None

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Downey, Urban Forest Superintendent

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