



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

**Street Tree Advisory Committee
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, January 9, 2014
Parks Lunch Room
402 E. Ortega Street
8:30 a.m.**

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER 8:32 AM
2. ROLL CALL
Members present: Des O'Neill, Maury Treman, Grant Castleberg and Duke McPherson
Staff present: Tim Downey, Patty Herrera, Mandy Burgess
Central Library staff present: Irene Macias and Scott Love
Community Development: Marck Aguilar
P&R Commission Liaison: Lesley Wiscomb
Public present: Doug Campbell, ASLA and Regula Campbell, AIA of the firm Campbell & Campbell
Member absent: Bob Cunningham
3. PUBLIC COMMENT
None
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A. Regular Meeting, December 5, 2013 – Approved

Member Des O'Neill moved, seconded by Duke McPherson that the December 5, 2013, Minutes be approved, passed, 3/0/1. Member, Grant Castleberg abstained.
5. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
Take Library Plaza Project – presentation by Doug Campbell and Regula Campbell after Member and Staff Communication
Take Review the proposed Urban Forest Management Plan after Library Plaza Project
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 – no active cases.
 3. Tim handed out species frequency report as of 1/9/14. Tim to provide a new copy of alphabetized list to members.
7. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. TREE REMOVAL CONSIDERATIONS
 1. STREET TREES
None
 1. SETBACK TREES

None

B. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Member Maury Treman moved, seconded by Grant Castleberg to elect Duke McPherson as Chair and Des O'Neill as Vice Chair, passed 4/0.

8. STREET TREE MASTER PLAN
None

9. OLD BUSINESS

1. Library Plaza Project

Doug Campbell, ASLA and Regula Campbell, AIA of the firm Campbell & Campbell presented the current proposal for the Library Plaza Project to STAC and answered STAC's questions regarding the difference between the old and new proposal.

The Campbell's highlights:

- Only change to the building is the handicapped access ramp at the north entrance
- Upgrade both the landscape and hardscape area around the perimeter of the SB Central Library and Faulkner Gallery (up to 3,200 square feet of additional hardscape, and 750 cubic yards of imported fill, a reduction in turf area, and the provision of a new fountain, seating, artwork display areas, lighting and approximately 4,500 square feet of activity space)
- An ADA compliant access would be added to the south Library entrance and all the other hardscape, both new and existing would be ADA compliant
- No negative impact on the City Landmarks on the site
- Create a public open space that is safe and inviting
- Create an open, more visible main entrance to the Central Library and Faulkner Gallery
- Enhance the paseo between Anapamu St. and La Arcada and the SB Museum of Art
- Develop the grounds as a community gathering place for enjoyment of nature, art stimulating activities, or the company of others
- Reduce maintenance costs
- Proposed concept envisions removal of planter walls and hedges and grading, to open sightlines and create a flexible, large flat space for variety of uses

The Campbell's were interested in STAC's comments in regards to ground cover, interested in STAC's priorities and any recommendations in regards to the project.

STAC had the following comments:

- Vertical elements should be added to frame the wall possibly trees against museum wall

- Had no issue with the tree removals
- Endorse plan as presented
- Consider relocating north library doors toward the museum
- Would like to see lilies in the fountain (one member's comment)
- Taller plants along Oak planter at least 2' high to discourage pedestrian traffic
- Keep in mind the original Library entrance

The Committee recommends that the proposal move forward to Commission for review of concept design.

Member Maury Treman moved, seconded by Des O'Neill to recommend that the proposal be forwarded to Commission; and that STAC endorses the project with comments, passed 4/0.

2. Review the proposed Urban Forest Management Plan

Amanda Burgess presented and spoke regarding the priorities of the UFMP for STAC to review and move forward to P&R Commission in February 2014 for adoption by Council in March 2014.

The Committee recommends that approval of Urban Forest Management Plan move forward to the Parks and Recreation Commission to be adopted by Council.

Member Maury Treman moved, seconded by Des O'Neill to recommend that the Commission approve the Urban Forest Master Plan for adoption by Council, passed 4/0.

3. 2200-2400 blocks of Garden St. (west side) – species designation– Fred L. Sweeney

Recommendation to postpone

The Committee recommends postponing making a decision on designating an additional species to next month's meeting. Maury Treman gave list of possible species from members to Tim, Tim to forward list to the Eastside Neighborhood Association. List to be reviewed by the Association and STAC before next month's meeting.

Member Maury Treman moved, seconded by Des O'Neill to recommend that the Committee postpone making a decision on designating an additional species to next month's meeting, passed 4/0.

Member Grant Castleberg left at 10:13 AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Downey, Urban Forest Superintendent

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