



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

**Street Tree Advisory Committee
SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, August 07, 2014
Parks Lunch Room
402 E. Ortega Street
8:00 a.m.**

Regular Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER 8:31 AM
2. ROLL CALL
Members present: Maury Treman, Bob Cunningham, Duke McPherson, Des O'Neill and Grant Castleberg
Staff present: Tim Downey, Patty Herrera, and Philip Maldonado with Public Works
Parks & Recreation Commission Liaison: Lesley Wiscomb
Member of the public: David R. Black, Brandon Arlington, Christine P. Nolte, and Erin Carroll
3. PUBLIC COMMENT
None
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A. Regular Meeting July 3, 2014 – Approved

Member Des O'Neill moved, seconded by Bob Cunningham that the July 3, 2014, Regular Meeting Minutes be approved, passed, 4/0/1, Member, Maury Treman abstained.

5. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
Take setback for 1900 Las Tunas Rd. first, Alameda Park second, followed by 3753 Lincoln Rd.
6. MEMBER AND STAFF COMMUNICATION
A. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION ACTIONS
 1. Tim updated STAC Members on Commission actions.
 2. Tim updated STAC Members on enforcement cases.
7. NEW BUSINESS

A. TREE REMOVAL CONSIDERATIONS

STREET TREES

1. 730 Flora Vista Dr. – *Schinus terebinthifolius*, Brazilian Pepper – Rusty and Marilyn Thomasson

The Committee recommends that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee determined that the reasons supplied by the applicant are insufficient to justify removal.

Member Duke McPherson moved, seconded by Bob Cunningham to recommend that the Commission deny removal of the tree, passed 5/0.

2. 1716 and 1720 Calle Poniente – *Ficus Nitida*, Indian Laurel Fig – Michael Selman

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the removal. The Committee determined the location of the tree is an inappropriate location for any tree and that small oak saplings on the property behind this tree would benefit from the proposed removal.

Member Grant Castleberg moved, seconded by Bob Cunningham to recommend that the Commission approve removal of the tree, passed 5/0.

3. Alameda Park – (2) *Strelitzia nicolai*, Giant White Bird of Paradise, (1) *Phoenix spp.*, Feather Date Palm, (1) *Archontophoenix cunninghamiana*, King Palm and (1) *Cordyline australis*, Dracaena – City of Santa Barbara Public Works Dept.

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the removal of all (5) trees on the condition the trees are replaced with (1) five trunk giant bird, (1) three trunk giant bird – both at least half height of existing giant birds, (2) King Palms and (1) *Butia* with 8' of brown trunk height.

Member Bob Cunningham moved, seconded by Des O'Neill to recommend that the Commission approve removal of all (5) trees on the condition the trees are replaced with (1) five-trunk *Strelitzia Nicolai*, Giant Bird of Paradise and (1) three-trunk *Strelitzia Nicolai*, Giant Bird of Paradise – both at least half the height of existing *Strelitzia Nicolai*, Giant Bird of Paradise; (2) *Archontophoenix cunninghamiana*, King Palms with a minimum of 8' of brown trunk height and (1) *Butia capitata*, Pindo Palm with a minimum of 8' of brown trunk height, passed 4/1, Member, Des O'Neill dissented.

SETBACK TREES

4. 125 E. Pedregosa St. – *Acacia melanoxylon*, Black Acacia – Erin Carroll

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve removal of the tree. The Committee determined that a defect in the tree will eventually cause the tree to break apart and that adjacent palms on private property would benefit from the removal.

Member Bob Cunningham moved, seconded by Grant Castleberg to recommend that the Commission approve removal of the tree, passed 5/0.

5. 1900 E. Las Tunas Rd. – *Platanus racemosa*, California Sycamore – Brandon Arlington

The Committee recommends that the Commission deny the removal. There are no reported tree roots in the sewer lines mentioned in the application. The Committee determined that the tree is healthy, is a benefit to the neighborhood, and complements adjacent native trees.

Member Bob Cunningham moved, seconded by Duke McPherson to recommend that the Commission deny removal, passed 5/0

6. 3779 Lincolnwood Dr. – (1) *Jacaranda mimosifolia*, Jacaranda, (1) *Ficus carica*, Edible Fig, and (1) *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palm – David R. Black

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve removal of (1) *Ficus carica*, Edible Fig and (1) *Jacaranda mimosifolia*, Jacaranda and (1) *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palm on the condition the applicant replace with (2) 24" box Jacaranda trees as proposed. The Committee determined the construction of the proposed wall would compromise the tree's roots. The dissenting member would like the proposed wall relocated to preserve some of the trees.

Member Grant Castleberg moved, seconded by Bob Cunningham to recommend that the Commission approve removal of (1) *Ficus carica*, Edible Fig and (1) *Jacaranda mimosifolia*, Jacaranda and (1) *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palm on the condition applicant replace with (2) 24" box Jacarandas as proposed, passed 4/1, Member, Des O'Neill dissented.

7. 3753 Lincoln Rd. – (2) *Liquidambar styraciflua*, American Sweetgum – Christian P. Nolte

Staff recommends the Commission approve the removal of the tree at the location of the proposed driveway and deny the removal of the other tree. The Committee recommends that the Commission deny removal of both trees.

The Committee suggests that by switching the positions of the proposed garage and storage room, and designing a curved driveway from the middle of the lot, the removal of this tree becomes unnecessary. The Committee further determined that the other reasons supplied by the applicant are insufficient to justify the removals. The dissenting member would have voted to approve the removal at the location of the proposed driveway due to increased areas of hardscape that would be required for a curved driveway and reduced area for other landscape.

Member Bob Cunningham moved, seconded by Grant Castleberg to recommend that the Commission deny removal of both trees, passed 4/1, Member, Maury Treman dissented and was in support of removal of one tree.

8. OLD BUSINESS
None

9. STREET TREE MASTER PLAN
 1. All Cottage Grove Ave. – tree designation – Mr. Shaw

The Committee recommends that All Cottage Grove Ave. be postponed to next month's meeting.

Member Bob Cunningham moved, seconded by Maury Treman to postpone All Cottage Grove to next month's meeting, passed 5/0.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Downey, Urban Forest Superintendent

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