



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

**Street Tree Advisory Committee
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, March 3, 2016
Parks Lunch Room
402 E. Ortega Street
8:30 AM**

Regular Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER 8:29 AM
2. ROLL CALL
Members present: Maury Treman, Bob Cunningham, Duke McPherson, Des O'Neill, and Bruce Reed
Parks and Recreation staff present: Tim Downey, and Patty Herrera
Parks and Recreation Commission: Lesley Wiscomb
Members of the public: Jim Suttle and LaDonna Suttle
3. PUBLIC COMMENT
None
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A. Regular Meeting Minutes, January 7, 2016

Member Treman moved, seconded by Member Reed to approve the January 7, 2016, Regular Meeting Minutes, passed 3/0/1. Member Cunningham was not present during voting. Member Reed abstained.

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes, February 4, 2016

Member Treman moved, seconded by Member McPherson to approve the February 4, 2016, Regular Meeting, passed 3/0/1. Member Cunningham was not present during voting and Member Treman abstained.

5. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
6. MEMBER AND STAFF COMMUNICATION/
 - A. Mr. Downey advised STAC of the Commission meeting actions and updated that a staff recommendation went to Commission for additional trees on application for tree removals at 411 and 415 S. Milpas St.
 - B. Mr. Downey gave an enforcement update.
7. NEW BUSINESS
STREET TREES
 1. 3895 Fairfax Rd. – (3) *Jacaranda mimosifolia*, Jacaranda and (1) *Yucca elephantipes*, Giant Yucca – Eric Goodall

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the removals on the condition Public Works plants as many trees as feasible within the parkways to be developed. There is space for the project to provide 2 ½ foot wide parkway. The Committee requested the street designation be considered at a future meeting to co-

designate a smaller species that can fit into the proposed parkways. Staff anticipates this will accommodate four or five new street trees.

Member Cunningham moved, seconded by Member Treman to recommend that the Commission approve the removals on the condition Public Works plants as many trees as feasible within the parkways to be developed. There is space for the project to provide 2 ½ foot wide parkway. The Committee requested the street designation be considered at a future meeting to co-designate a smaller species that can fit into the proposed parkways, passed 5/0.

SETBACK TREES

2. 216 Santa Rosa Pl. – *Ficus benjamina*, Weeping Fig – Ashley Pimley

This tree was placed in its current location by the applicant in a pot. Over time the tree roots grew out of the pot and rooted into the ground. The Committee determined this tree was not intended to be planted in this location. The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the removal.

Member O'Neill moved, seconded by Member Cunningham to recommend that the Commission approve the removal, passed 5/0.

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. STREET TREE MASTER PLAN

1. 1300 block of Portesuello Ave. – Co designate an alternative species – Rob Maday Landscape

The Committee recommends that the Commission co-designate *Pistacia chinensis*, Chinese Pistache for the 1300 block of Portesuello Ave. The Committee determined this designation is consistent with nearby existing street trees.

Member O'Neill moved, seconded by Member Cunningham to recommend that the Commission approve the co-designation of *Pistacia chinensis*, Chinese Pistache for the 1300 block of Portesuello Ave., passed 3/0.

2. 600-800 blocks of Roberto Ave. – Changes to the designated street tree – James H. Suttle and LaDonna H. Suttle

The Committee recommends that the Commission co-designate *Metrosideros excelsa*, New Zealand Christmas Tree for the 800 block of Roberto Avenue and deny the addition of the *Syagrus romanzoffiana*, Queen Palm for the 600-800 blocks of Roberto Ave. Members Treman and McPherson opposed because they did not see a need to add the the New Zealand Christmas Tree designation to the 800 block. The Committee determined that the Queen Palm is more suitable for smaller parkways and the other designated species provide greater benefit to the neighborhood.

Member Cunningham moved, seconded by Member McPherson to recommend that the Commission co-designate *Metrosideros excelsa*, New Zealand Christmas Tree for the 800 block of Roberto Avenue and deny the addition of the *Syagrus romanzoffiana*, Queen Palm for the 600-800 blocks of Roberto Ave., passed 3/2. Members Treman and McPherson opposed.

3. All of Calle Puerto Vallarta – Designate a street tree – Bob Cunningham

The Committee voted to postpone item until next month to allow members time to consider several species.

Member McPherson moved, seconded by Member O'Neill to postpone item until next month to allow members time to consider several species, passed 5/0.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Downey, Urban Forest Superintendent

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