



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

**Street Tree Advisory Committee  
REGULAR MEETING  
Thursday, September 07, 2017  
Parks Lunch Room  
402 E. Ortega Street  
8:30 AM**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

1. CALL TO ORDER 8:30 AM
2. ROLL CALL  
Members present: Maury Treman, Duke McPherson, Des O'Neill, Bruce Reed, and Bob Cunningham (arrived at 8:31 AM)  
Parks and Recreation Liaison: Nichol Clark  
Parks and Recreation staff present: Tim Downey, Nathan Slack, and Patty Herrera  
Members of the public: Holly Emerson and Alex Ubaldo
3. PUBLIC COMMENT  
None
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
A. Regular Meeting Minutes, August 3, 2017

**Motion: Member O'Neill moved, seconded by Member McPherson to approve the August 3, 2017, Regular Meeting Minutes, passed.**

**Vote: 4/0 Member Cunningham arrived after Minutes were approved.**

5. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA  
Take 106 Cedar Ln. first and then 441 Old Coast Highway after Member and Staff Communication
6. MEMBER AND STAFF COMMUNICATION
  - A. Member McPherson thanked Commissioner Clark for defending the professionalism of the Committee at the last Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.
  - B. Mr. Downey advised STAC of P&R Commission actions in August. Commission concurred with all of STAC's recommendations.
  - C. Mr. Downey advised that the applicant from 427 Verano Dr. was considering withdrawing their appeal of the Commission's decision to deny removal of the oak tree.
  - D. Mr. Downey updated STAC of damage from Ortega Park to San Nicolas St. due to the recent Microburst storm the City experienced on September 3, 2017.
  - E. Mr. Downey gave an enforcement update; 9 new cases reported, 8 closed, 1 on maintenance for a year until July 2018, and 3 total cases opened right now.
7. NEW BUSINESS

**STREET TREES**

1. 435 E. Valerio St. – *Olea europae*, Olive – Alelia Parenteau

The Committee voted to postpone a decision until more information can be provided regarding the plans for the garage, and whether the driveway apron could be shifted to the south. Two members commented that they would have supported removal without the requested information.

**Motion: Member Cunningham moved, seconded by Member McPherson to recommend the Commission postpone to next month until more information such as plans can be provided, passed.**

**Vote: 5/0.**

**SETBACK TREES**

2. 441 Old Coast Highway – *Quercus agrifolia*, Coast Live Oak – Alex Ubaldo, City of Santa Barbara Public Works Engineering

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the removal on the condition Public Works staff work with Parks staff to identify possible locations for street trees within this phase or across the street.

**Motion: Member Cunningham moved, seconded by Member O’Neill to recommend the Commission approve the removal on the condition Public Works staff work with Parks staff to identify possible locations for street trees within this phase or across the street, passed.**

**Vote: 5/0.**

3. 69 Skyline Circle – *Pittosporum undulatum*, Victorian Box Tree – Jack and Val Hobbs

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the removal on the condition the applicant replace with a tree that can achieve 12 feet in height. The Committee commented that the tree does provide benefits in its location, but the planter is too small for the species.

**Motion: Member O’Neill moved, seconded by Member Reed to recommend the Commission approve removal on the condition the applicant replace with a tree that can achieve 12 feet in height, passed.**

**Vote: 4/1. Member Treman opposed.**

4. 200 E. Constance Ave. – (1) *Acacia decurrens*, Green Wattle and (1) *Populus spp.*, Poplar – William Faulding

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the removals. The Committee determined the Green Wattle is declining and the area has sufficient other trees so the removal of this tree would not be a significant loss of canopy. The Committee commented that once the Green Wattle is removed, the tree directly behind it may not be able to support itself.

**Motion: Member Treman moved, seconded by Member O’Neill to recommend that the Commission approve the removals, passed.**

**Vote: 5/0**

5. 106 Cedar Ln. – *Cedrus spp.*, Cedar – Bradford and Holly Emerson

The Committee recommends that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee determined the tree will continue to be maintained away from the wires by Southern California Edison, is fairly healthy, could be pruned to improve its appearance, and that the tree hides the telephone pole from the applicants view.

**Motion: Member McPherson moved, seconded by Member Cunningham to recommend the Commission deny the removal, passed.**

**Vote: 3/2. O'Neill and Reed opposed.**

8. STREET TREE MASTER PLAN

1. 2100 – 2200 blocks of Alameda Padre Serra (Los Olivos St. to Bonita Way) – change designation of current species – Street Tree Advisory Committee

The Committee voted to continue item to next month for consideration of a selection at that time.

**Motion: Member Cunningham moved, seconded by Member O'Neill to recommend the Committee postpone item to next month, passed.**

**Vote: 5/0**

9. OLD BUSINESS

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tim Downey, Urban Forest Superintendent

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