



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

**Street Tree Advisory Committee
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, May 3, 2018
Parks Lunch Room
402 E. Ortega Street
8:30 AM**

Regular Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER 8:33 AM
2. ROLL CALL
Members present: Bob Cunningham, Duke McPherson, Bruce Reed, Des O'Neill, and Maury Treman
Parks and Recreation staff present: Tim Downey, Nathan Slack, and Patty Herrera
Parks and Recreation Liaison: Nichol Clark
Members of the public: None
3. PUBLIC COMMENT
None
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A. Regular Meeting Minutes, April 5, 2018

Motion: Member Cunningham moved, seconded by Member O'Neill to approve the April 5, 2018, Regular Meeting Minutes, passed.

Vote: 5/0

5. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
6. MEMBER AND STAFF COMMUNICATION
 - A. Mr. Downey advised STAC of P&R Commission actions in April.
 - B. Mr. Downey gave an enforcement update.
 - C. Mr. Downey passed around a flyer for Matt Ritter's new book.
7. NEW BUSINESS
 - STREET TREES
None
 - SETBACK TREES
 1. 3645 San Jose Ln. – *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palm – Ernesteen Eberhardt

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve removal of the palm, but not for reasons supplied by the applicant. Rather, the Committee determined the tree seems out of place in the neighborhood, and the removal would not materially affect the neighborhood with respect to forestation.

Motion: Member Treman moved, seconded by Member O'Neill to recommend that the Commission approve removal of the palm, passed.

Vote: 5/0

2. 242 La Vista Grande Dr. – *Eucalyptus spp.*, Eucalyptus – Cynthia and Ted Martin

The Committee recommends that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee determined the reasons provided by the applicant are insufficient to justify removal. The Committee determined the underbrush is insufficient to create a fire ladder to the tree, and the tree does not show signs that it is likely to fall.

Motion: Member O’Neill moved, seconded by Member McPherson to recommend that the Commission deny the removal, passed.

Vote: 4/1. Member Reed opposed. He would have supported removal if other more native tree(s) could replace it.

STREET TREE MASTER PLAN

1. 3400-3700 Modoc Rd. – consider additional species – Bob Cunningham

The Committee recommends that the Commission add *Lyonothamnus floribundus asplendfolius*, Ironwood as co-designated tree for the 3400-3700 stretch of Modoc Rd. The Committee commented that they encourage staff to use other trees such as *Aesculus californica*, California Buckeye and *Corymbia ficifolia*, Red Flowering Gum in other areas within the project.

Motion: Member Reed moved, seconded by Member Cunningham to recommend that the Commission add *Lyonothamnus floribundus asplendfolius*, Ironwood as co-designated tree for the 3400-3700 stretch of Modoc Rd., passed.

Vote: 5/0.

8. OLD BUSINESS
None

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Downey, Urban Forest Superintendent-

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