



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

**Street Tree Advisory Committee
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, December 6, 2018
Parks Lunch Room
402 E. Ortega Street
8:30 AM**

Regular Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER 8:31 AM
2. ROLL CALL
Members present: Bob Cunningham, Duke McPherson, Des O'Neill, and Maury Treman (arrived at 8:45 AM).
Member absent: Bruce Reed
Parks and Recreation staff present: Tim Downey, Nathan Slack, and Patty Herrera
Members of the public: Cynthia Norris, Roberta Serbia, Heidi Jones, Randy Poltl, Martha Degasis and Bart Millar
3. PUBLIC COMMENT
None
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A. Regular Meeting Minutes, November 1, 2018

Motion: Member Cunningham moved, seconded by Member McPherson to approve the November 1, 2018, Regular Meeting Minutes, passed.

Vote: 3/0.

5. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
Take Grand Ave. first, followed by Crestline, Cottage Hospital and then Milpas St.
6. MEMBER AND STAFF COMMUNICATION
A. Mr. Downey advised STAC of Parks and Recreation Commission actions.
B. Mr. Downey gave an enforcement update.
C. Mr. Downey shared with STAC additional letters not included in the original packet in support for the Santa Barbara Plaza and a second page letter from an arborist for 1825 Mission Ridge Rd.
7. NEW BUSINESS
STREET TREES
 1. 2001 Grand Ave. – (6) *Tipuana tipu*, Tipu – Cynthia and Vince Norris

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the removal of all (6) *Tipuana tipu*, Tipu trees on the condition the applicant replace with street trees; number and location of trees to be determined by staff.

Motion: Member Cunningham moved, seconded by Member McPherson to recommend that the Commission approve removal of all (6) *Tipuana tipu*, Tipu

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Vote: 4/0.

2. 17 S. Milpas St. – (8) *Metrosideros excelsa*, New Zealand Christmas Tree, and (1) *Ficus microcarpa*, Indian Laurel Fig – Martha Degasis, Arcadia Studio, Inc.

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the removal of the (8) *Metrosideros excelsa*, New Zealand Christmas Trees, on the condition the Architectural Board of Review approves the proposed changes to the adjacent parking lot. The Committee recommends the Commission postpone a decision on the (1) *Ficus microcarpa*, Indian Laurel Fig until the street tree designation is also being considered.

Motion: Member Treman moved, seconded by Member McPherson to recommend that the Commission approve the removal of the (8) *Metrosideros excelsa*, New Zealand Christmas Trees, on the condition the Architectural Board of Review approves the proposed changes to the adjacent parking lot, passed.

Vote: 3/0. Member Cunningham recused himself.

Motion: Member Treman moved, seconded by Member O’Neill to recommend that the Commission postpone a decision on the (1) *Ficus microcarpa*, Indian Laurel Fig on the Carpinteria St. side until the street tree designation is also being considered for the 900 block of Carpinteria St., passed.

Vote: 3/0. Member Cunningham recused himself.

SETBACK TREES

3. 1460 Crestline Dr. – *Schinus terebinthifolius*, Brazilian Pepper – Bart Miller

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the removal on the condition the applicant plant a street tree in the parkway at the expense of the applicant and at a location to be determined by staff.

Motion: Member Cunningham moved, seconded by Member McPherson to recommend that the Commission approve the removal on the condition the applicant plant a street tree in the parkway at the expense of the applicant and at a location to be determined by staff, passed.

Vote: 4/0.

4. Cottage Hospital at W. Pueblo St. 2300 block of Bath St. – *Erythrina caffra*, African Coral Tree, and (1) *Pinus canariensis*, Canary Island Pine – Martha Degasis

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the removals as presented.

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

Vote: 3/0. Member Cunningham recused himself.

5. 820 Alston Rd. – *Quercus agrifolia*, Coast Live Oak – Alexa Newman

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the removal on the condition the applicant receives a building permit for the proposed new driveway location. The Committee determined that this is a reasonable development of the property.

Motion: Member Cunningham moved, seconded by Member Treman that the Commission approve the removal on the condition the applicant receives a building permit for the proposed new driveway location, passed.

Vote: 4/0.

6. 1825 Mission Ridge Rd. – *Pinus canariensis*, Canary Island Pine – Christina Rottman

The Committee recommends that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee determined there is no immediate danger and that there are measures such as cabling that could help prevent the tree from losing a limb.

Motion: Member Cunningham moved, seconded by Member Treman that the Commission deny the removal, passed.

Vote: 4/0.

8. STREET TREE MASTER PLAN
 1. 00 block of Milpas St. – consider change of designation – Martha Degasis, Arcadia Studio, Inc.

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve *Syagrus romanzoffianum*, Queen Palm, as a co-designated species for the 00 block of S. Milpas St. The Committee determined Queen Palm would match adjacent private trees and enhance the area.

Motion: Member Treman moved, seconded by Member McPherson to recommend that the Commission approve *Syagrus romanzoffianum*, Queen Palm as co-designated species for the 00 block of S. Milpas St., passed.

Vote: 3/0. Member Cunningham recused himself.

9. OLD BUSINESS

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Downey, Urban Forest Superintendent

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