



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

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, October 25, 2023
Council Chamber, 735 Anacapa Street**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Evelyn Feck called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners and Staff Present

Chair Evelyn Feck
Vice Chair Kathy McGill
Commissioner Sebastian Aldana
Commissioner Jeffrey Chang
Commissioner Nicole Clark
Commissioner Jacob Lesner-Buxton
Commissioner Robin Unander-LaBerge
Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary
Street Tree Supervisor Brett Volpi
Associate Planner Monique O'Conner
Administrative Analyst Rose Nevarez
Administrative Assistant Courtney Carlson

Commissioners Absent

None

GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Changes to the Agenda – No Youth Council Report
- B. Written Public Comment – None
- C. Public Comment – None
- D. Youth Council Report – None
- E. Commissioner Committee Assignment Reports

Commissioner Clark attended and reported on the Street Tree Advisory Committee meeting and the Integrated Pest Management Advisory Committee meeting. Commissioner Chang attended and reported on the Golf Advisory Committee meeting. Vice Chair McGill attended and reported on the PARC Foundation meeting. Chair Feck attended and reported on the Youth Council meeting.

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F. Commission and Staff Communications – None

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. Subject: Employee Recognition – Service Award Pins

Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary recognized Brett Volpi, Street Tree Supervisor, for 10 years of service.

CONSENT ITEMS

2. Subject: Summary of Council Actions – For Information (Attachment)

The Commissioners received the report.

3. Subject: Minutes – For Action (Attachment)

Recommendation: That the Commission:

A. Waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 27, 2023

Motion:

Commissioner Feck / McGill to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September, 2023.

Vote:

Majority vote (6/0/1) (Abstain: Clark)

STREET TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ITEMS

Any action of the Parks and Recreation Commission made pursuant to Municipal Code Chapter 15.20, Tree Planting and Maintenance or 15.24, Preservation of Trees, may be appealed to the City Council within ten days, pursuant to provisions of Section 1.30.050 of the Municipal Code.

4. Subject: Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations – For Action (Attachments)

Documents:

- Staff Report dated October 26, 2023
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Street Tree Supervisor Brett Volpi
- Paula Hinck (Item 4.C.1.)

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- Tim Burger (Item 4.C.2.)
- Rob Richards (Item 4.C.3.)
- Cissy Ross (Item 4.C.3.)

Recommendation: That the Commission:

A. Deny the following street tree removal request:

1. 3790 San Remo Drive – Liquidambar styraciflua, American Sweetgum – Terri Trevillian

The Commission received the report, their questions were answered, and the following action was taken:

Motion:

Commissioner McGill / Chang to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and deny the removal of the American Sweetgum on 3790 San Remo Drive.

Vote:

Unanimous vote (7/0)

B. Conditionally approve the following setback tree removal request:

1. 319 Oceano Avenue – (2) *Tipuana tipu*, Tipu Tree – Rory Garzot

The Commission received the report, their questions were answered, and the following action was taken:

Motion:

Commissioner McGill / Aldana to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and approve removal of the Tipu Tree at 319 Oceano Avenue on the condition that the applicant plant two trees, one in the setback and one street tree. Making the finding that it would be in good forest management.

Vote:

Unanimous vote (7/0)

C. Deny the following setback tree removal requests:

1. 711 N. Alisos Street – *Schinus molle*, Pepper Tree – Paula Hinck

The Commission received the report, they listened to testimony, their questions were answered, and the following action was taken:

Motion:

Commissioner Clark / Chang to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and deny removal of the Pepper Tree at 711 N. Alisos Street.

Vote:

Unanimous vote (7/0)

2. 826 Grove Lane – Liquidambar styraciflua, American Sweetgum – Tim Burger

The Commissioners received the report, they listened to testimony, their questions were answered, and the following action was taken:

Motion:

Commissioner McGill / Chang to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and deny removal of the American Sweetgum at 826 Grove Lane.

Vote:

Unanimous vote (7/0)

3. 1435 Gillespie Street – Phoenix canariensis, Canary Island Palm – Robert Richardson

The Commissioners received the report, they listened to testimony, their questions were answered, and the following action was taken:

Motion:

Commissioner McGill / Clark to disagree with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and approve removal of the Canary Island Palm at 1435 Gillespie Street on the condition that the applicant plant a canopy tree, either the designated street tree or another tree in consultation with the urban forestry staff. On the basis that a reasonable and practical development of the property requires removal of the tree.

Vote:

Unanimous vote (7/0)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

5. **Subject: Director's Report – For Information (Attachment)**

Documents:

-Staff Report dated October 25, 2023

Speakers:

-Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a presentation on the status of the various Parks and Recreation Department initiatives and activities.

Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary reported on Trunk or Treat, the Chef Apprentice Program Recruitment, and the Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon.

The Commissioners received the report.

6. Subject: Wildfire Resiliency in Open Spaces – For Information (Attachment)

Documents:

-Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Associate Planner Monique O'Conner

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a presentation on wildfire resiliency in open spaces.

Associate Planner Monique O'Conner reported on the Department's approach to wildfire resiliency in open spaces.

The Commissioners received the report, and their questions were answered.

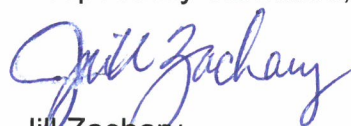
OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:17 pm, with no further business to be addressed by the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Jill Zachary,
Parks and Recreation Director

