



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

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

**Wednesday, December 13, 2023
Council Chamber, 735 Anacapa Street**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Evelyn Feck called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners and Staff Present

Chair Evelyn Feck
Vice Chair Kathy McGill
Commissioner Jeffrey Chang
Commissioner Nicole Clark
Commissioner Jacob Lesner-Buxton
Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Jazmin LeBlanc
Urban Forest Superintendent Nathan Slack
Recreation Specialist Nicole Morgan
Assistant City Attorney John Doimas
Chief of Police Kelly Gordan
Administrative Assistant Courtney Carlson

Commissioners Absent

Commissioner Sebastian Aldana
Commissioner Robin Unander-LaBerge

GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Changes to the Agenda – None
- B. Written Public Comment – None
- C. Public Comment – None
- D. Youth Council Report
- E. Commissioner Committee Assignment Reports

Commissioner Clark attended and reported on the Street Tree Advisory Committee meeting. Vice Chair McGill attended and reported on the Arts and Culture Subcommittee of the De La Guerra Plaza Revitalization Committee meeting.

- F. Commission and Staff Communications – None

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. Subject: Employee Recognition – Service Award Pins

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jazmin LeBlanc recognized Alena Leonatti, Grounds Maintenance Worker II, for 5 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 November 15, 2023

Motion:

Commissioner Feck / McGill to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 15, 2023.

Vote:

Unanimous vote (5/0)

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 December 13, 2023
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Urban Forest Superintendent Nathan Slack

Recommendation: That the Commission:

A. Approve the following street tree removal request:

1. 1269 Ferrelo Road – (1) *Jacaranda mimosifolia*, Jacaranda, (1) *Podocarpus henkelii*, Long Leafed Yellowwood, (1) *Acca sellowiana*, Pineapple Guava – Thomas Moss

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

Motion:

Commissioner McGill / Feck to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and approve the removal of the (1) *Jacaranda mimosifolia*, Jacaranda, (1) *Podocarpus henkelii*, Long Leafed Yellowwood, (1) *Acca sellowiana*, Pineapple Guava at 1269 Ferrelo Road on the condition that they be replaced with 3 olive trees as proposed. Based on the finding that there is reasonable development of the property.

Vote:

Unanimous vote (5/0)

- B. Approve the following changes to the Street Tree Master Plan:

1. 00 – 200 blocks of E. Anapamu Street – modify existing designation – staff

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

Motion:

Commissioner Feck / Chang to defer a decision on the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation for one month for administrative clarification.

Vote:

Unanimous vote (5/0)

2. 100 – 200 median Mesa Lane – modify existing designation – staff

The Commission received the report, and the following action was taken:

Motion:

Commissioner Chang / McGill to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and approve Coast Live Oak, Silver Dollar Gum, Red Flowering Gum, and Coral Gum as designations for the 100- 200 median on Mesa Lane.

Vote:

Unanimous vote (5/0)

3. 300 – 800 blocks of Haley Street – modify existing designation – staff

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

Motion:

Commissioner Clark / Feck to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and approve the usage of Sweetshade, Jerusalem Thorn, Firewheel Tree, and Chitalpa as designations for the 300 – 800 blocks of Haley Street.

Vote:

Unanimous vote (5/0)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

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

Documents:

-Staff Report dated December 13, 2023

Speakers:

-Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Jazmin LeBlanc

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

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jazmin LeBlanc reported on the A.C. Postel Rose Garden pruning, tennis court resurfacing at various department properties, and the Santa Barbara Arts and Crafts Show Holiday Show.

The Commissioners received the report.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

6. Subject: Youth Council Firearm Ordinance – For Information (Attachments)

Documents:

-Safe Firearm Storage Report dated December 13, 2023
-Safe Firearm Storage Ordinance
-Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

-Recreation Specialist Nicole Morgan
-Youth Council Chair Tiago Eckstein

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- Member Emilia Vander May
- Moms Demand Action Volunteer Manjeet Chocker
- Santa Barbara Chief of Police Kelly Gordan
- Assistant City Attorney John Doimas

Recommendation: That the Commission:

- A. Receive a report from the Santa Barbara Youth Council on the proposed ordinance amendments pertaining to Safe Firearm Storage in the city of Santa Barbara; and
- B. Recommend the Ordinance Committee forward to City Council the proposed amendments to add Chapter 9.35 Regarding Safe Storage of Firearms.

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

Motion:

Commissioner Feck / McGill to recommend the Ordinance Committee forward to City Council the proposed amendments to add Chapter 9.35 Regarding Safe Storage of Firearms.

Vote:

Unanimous vote (5/0)

7. Subject: Advisory Committee Interviews and Appointments – For Action (Attachments)

Documents:

- Staff Report dated December 13, 2023

Speakers:

- Joanne Payne
- Barbara Silver
- Greg Chittick
- Keith Nevison
- Kristen LaBonte
- Larry Saltzman
- Maury Treman
- Bruce Reed
- Duke McPherson

Recommendation: That the Commission hold interviews and make appointments to the Golf Advisory Committee, Integrated Pest Management Advisory Committee, and Street Tree Advisory Committee.

The Commission interviewed applicants for the Golf Advisory Committee and made the following motion.

Motion:
Commissioner McGill / Feck to reappoint Joanne Payne to the Golf Advisory Committee.

Vote:
Unanimous voice vote (5/0)

The Commission interviewed applicants for the Integrated Pest Management Advisory Committee and made the following motion.

Motion:
Commissioner Clark / McGill to reappoint Gregg Chittick, Kristen LaBonte, and Lawrence Saltzman and appoint Barbara Silver and Greg Nevison to the Integrated Pest Management Advisory Committee.

Vote:
Unanimous voice vote (5/0)

The Commission interviewed applicants for the Street Tree Advisory Committee and made the following motion.

Motion:
Commissioner McGill / Feck to reappoint Maury Treman, Bruce Reed and Duke McPherson to the Street Tree Advisory Committee.

Vote:
Unanimous voice vote (5/0)

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:13 pm, with no further business to be addressed by the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jazmin LeBlanc,
Assistant Parks and Recreation Director