



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

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, January 24, 2024
Council Chamber, 735 Anacapa Street**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Kathy McGill called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners and Staff Present

Vice Chair Kathy McGill
Commissioner Sebastian Aldana
Commissioner Jeffrey Chang
Commissioner Nichol Clark
Commissioner Robin Unander-LaBerge
Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary
Urban Forest Superintendent Nathan Slack
Administrative Assistant Courtney Carlson

Commissioners Absent

Chair Evelyn Feck
Commissioner Jacob Lesner-Buxton

GENERAL BUSINESS

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

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

- F. Commission and Staff Communications – None

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

- 1. Subject: Employee Recognition – Service Award Pins**

Agenda Item: 3

Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary recognized Raymond Unzueta, Senior Maintenance Worker, 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 December 13, 2023

Motion:

Commissioner McGill / Chang to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 13, 2023.

Vote:

Majority vote (4/0/1) (Abstain: Aldana)

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 January 24, 2024
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Urban Forest Superintendent Nathan Slack
- Jarrett Goriu (Item 4.A.1.)

Recommendation: That the Commission:

- A. Approve the following setback tree removal request:

1. 215 Canon Drive – (2) Jacaranda mimosifolia, Jacaranda, and (2) Ligustrum lucidum, Glossy Privet – Sergio Ormachea

The Commission received the report, they listened to testimony, 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 the removal of the (2) Jacaranda mimosifolia, Jacaranda, and (2) Ligustrum lucidum, Glossy Privet at 215 Canon Drive on the condition that the applicant plant three trees with a minimum height of 25 feet at maturity, with a minimum of two of the replacement trees planted in the public right of way. Based on the finding that there is reasonable and practical development of the property.

Vote:

Unanimous vote (5/0)

B. Deny the following setback tree removal request:

1. 311 Apple Grove Lane – Juniperus chinensis, Chinese Juniper – Matt McCaffrey

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

Motion:

Commissioner Chang / Clark to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and deny the removal of the Juniperus chinensis, Chinese Juniper at 311 Apple Grove Lane.

Vote:

Unanimous vote (5/0)

C. Approve the following change 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 Clark / Chang to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and approve Yellow Trumpet Tree, Trident Maple, and Hybrid Crape Myrtle as designations for the 00 - 200 blocks of E. Anapamu Street.

Vote:

Unanimous vote (5/0)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

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

Documents:

- Staff Report dated January 24, 2024

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 the Leadbetter Beach Re-Opening, the Eastside Neighborhood Park Ribbon Cutting, and the Summer Camp Registration Opening.

The Commissioners received the report.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

6. Subject: Chumash Cultural Project at Ambassador Park – For Information

Documents:

- Chumash Cultural Project at Ambassador Park Report
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff and KTUA Project Manager

Speakers:

- Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary
- KTUA Project Manager Matt Wilkins
- Public Speaker Mark Yee

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a presentation on the Chumash Cultural Project at Ambassador Park.

The Commissioners received the report, they listened to testimony, and their questions were answered.

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

Recommendation: That the Commission review and consider Advisory Committee Liaison appointments.

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Commissioner Chang will be a co-liaison to the Santa Barbara Arts and Crafts Show Advisory Committee. Vice Chair McGill will replace Commissioner Clark as the primary liaison to the Integrated Pest Management Advisory Committee, Commissioner Clark will serve as an alternate liaison. The remaining liaison appointments remain the same.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:25 pm, with no further business to be addressed by the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Zachary,
Parks and Recreation Director