



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

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, February 28, 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

Chair Evelyn Feck
Vice Chair Kathy McGill
Commissioner Sebastian Aldana
Commissioner Jeffrey Chang
Commissioner Nichol Clark
Commissioner Jacob Lesner-Buxton
Commissioner Robin Unander-LaBerge
Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary
Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jazmin LeBlanc
Urban Forest Superintendent Nathan Slack
Recreation Programs Manager Adam Porte
Recreation Coordinator Julie Thomas
Administrative Assistant Courtney Carlson

Commissioners Absent

None

GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Changes to the Agenda – None
- B. Written Public Comment
Beth Pruitt, Billy Goodnick, Jeff Cope
- 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. Commissioner Clark also attended and reported on the public workshop for

Franceschi House renovation. Vice Chair McGill attended and reported on the special Integrated Pest Management Advisory 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 Ernie Rodriguez, Supervising Park Ranger, 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 January 24, 2024

Motion:

Commissioner McGill / Aldana to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 24, 2024 with the following changes: the addition of Commissioner Aldana's first name and the correction of the spelling of Commissioner Clark's first name.

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 February 28, 2024
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Urban Forest Superintendent Nathan Slack
- Aaron Quitta (Items 4.A.1. and 4.B.2.)

Recommendation: That the Commission:

A. Conditionally approve the following setback tree removal request:

1. 1105 Las Altruas Road – *Quercus agrifolia*, Coast Live Oak – Carl Bryant

The Commission 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 approve the setback tree removal of the *Quercus agrifolia*, Coast Live Oak at 1105 Las Altruas Road on the condition that the applicant plant a canopy tree that can achieve a minimum height of 20 feet or more at maturity. Based on the finding that there is reasonable and practical development of the property.

Vote:

Majority Vote (6/1) (Nay: Aldana)

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

1. 1100 – 1500 blocks of Crestline Drive – modify existing designations – staff

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

Motion:

Commissioner Chang / Aldana to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and *Eucalyptus torquata*, Coral Gum, *Eucalyptus cinerea*, Argyle Apple, *Quercus agrifolia*, Coast Live Oak, and *Lophostemon confertus*, Brisbane Box as street tree designations for the 1100 – 1500 blocks of Crestline Drive.

Vote:

Unanimous vote (6/0/1) (Abstain: McGill)

2. 00 – 600 blocks of E. Sola Street and 00 – 400 blocks of W. Sola Street – modify existing designations – staff

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

Motion:

Commissioner Clark / Chang to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and approve Ginkgo biloba, Ginkgo, Handroanthus heptaphyllus, Pink Trumpet Tree, and Lophostemon confertus, Brisbane Box as street tree designations for the 00 blocks of E. Sola Street. Handroanthus heptaphyllus, Pink Trumpet Tree, and Cinnamomum camphora, Camphor Tree as street tree designations for 100 – 200 blocks of E. Sola Street. Prunus ilicifolia subsp. lyonii, Catalina Cherry, Prunus caroliniana, Carolina Laurel Cherry, Metrosideros excelsa, New Zealand Christmas Tree, and Stenocarpus sinuatus, Firewheel Tree as street tree designations for the 300 – 600 blocks of E. Sola Street. Handroanthus heptaphyllus, Pink Trumpet Tree, Stenocarpus sinuatus, Firewheel Tree, and Jacaranda mimosifolia, Jacaranda as street tree designations for the 00 – 400 blocks of W. Sola Street.

Vote:

Unanimous vote (7/0)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

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

Documents:

-Staff Report dated February 28, 2024

Speakers:

-Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jazmin LeBlanc
-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.

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jazmin LeBlanc and Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary reported on the Community Workshop for the department project Reimagining Franceschi House, erosion at Shoreline Bluff, and the flood damage incurred at the Parks and Recreation Administration Building

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

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

6. Subject: Adapted Recreation and Inclusion Services Programs – For Information

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Documents:

- Adapted Recreation and Inclusion Services Programs Report
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff and KTUA Project Manager

Speakers:

- Recreation Programs Manager Adam Porte
- Recreation Coordinator Julie Thomas

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a presentation on the Adapted Programs.

Recreation Coordinator Julie Thomas and Recreation Manager Adam Porte presented on current Adapted Recreation and Inclusion Services Programs.

The Commissioners received the report.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:09 pm, with no further business to be addressed by the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jazmin LeBlanc,
Assistant Parks and Recreation Director