



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

**Parks Division
Integrated Pest Management
IPM ADVISORY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, November 30, 2021
Zoom Webinar
3:00 p.m.**

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair Chittick at 3:15 p.m.

ROLL:

Voting Members:

Present: Greg Chittick, Kristen LaBonte, Larry Saltzman

Staff Present: Jazmin LeBlanc, Caitlin Lam, Patricia Herrera, Nathan Slack, Simon Herrera, Michael Rubin, Mark Cavalier, Joe Gonzalez

Also Present: Nichol Clark, Parks and Recreation Commissioner; Kathy McGill, Parks and Recreation Commissioner

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

Jazmin LeBlanc tabled the request made in Item 2B, explaining that Parks staff were able to do enough trapping to significantly reduce gopher populations in certain parks so that a request to apply Fumitoxin this Winter is no longer needed.

Joe Gonzalez, Facilities Supervisor, brought up the problem of spiders at Fire Station 7 and requested to use a product that Dale Shreve with Lenz Pest control identified. Jazmin explained that because this issue was not agendaized for this meeting the committee could not discuss or consider the request. Chair Chittick offered that Joe could request an emergency exemption if warranted. Joe stated that he would like to do an emergency exemption and would send information to Jazmin.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

N/A

PUBLIC COMMENT:

N/A

COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Jazmin LeBlanc reminded Committee Members that the following day, November 31st, 2021, was the due date for submitting an application to continue serving on the

committee and to attest their Covid vaccination status, a City requirement for serving on a committee.

Jazmin LeBlanc also proposed having the next meeting as an onsite meeting. Chair Chittick agreed.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded (LaBonte/Saltzman) to approve the minutes of August 11, 2021. The motion passed (3/0).

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Item 2A: Exemption Request for use of Vikane and Chloropicrin for fumigation of various Public Works buildings – (Attachment) – FOR ACTION

Michael Rubin explained the need for fumigating the four buildings included in the request, stating the importance of completing the fumigation during the Winter Closure when use of the buildings would be least impacted. Member LaBonte commented that the timing makes sense. Chair Chittick thanked Facilities for thinking through the fencing of the buildings to limit access by humans as that has been a concern for previous fumigation requests. Chair Chittick also appreciated the use of preliminary spot treatments as a first step. **Member LaBonte motioned to approve the request, Chair Chittick seconded. The motion passed 3-0.**

Member LaBonte and Chair Chittick then asked that the other locations be described in more detail. Michael described the buildings, the need for fumigation, and the importance of the Winter Closure timing for each. Michael confirmed that the Fire Station would not be fenced because it is not nearby public access and Chair Chittick supported this decision. Member LaBonte said that the explanation did not bring up any further questions and there was no need to vote again.

2. Item 2B: Programmatic Exemption request for use of Fumitoxin for gopher control in various parks – (Attachment) – FOR ACTION

Jazmin LeBlanc explained that staff had done quite a bit of research and found that Fumitoxin can be a very effective and cost effective tool when used in conjunction with trapping. She explained that in preparation for this meeting, Parks maintenance staff focused on trapping to see how much could be achieved and that this was possible due to new staff being hired. Jazmin said that the gopher population had been reduced so much that it would actually not be cost effective to use Fumitoxin in the coming months, but that it might be something the Parks Division wants to use in the future. Simon Herrera gave additional information about the specifics of the usefulness of Fumitoxin and the successful trapping that was done. Chair Chittick stated that the staff had done great work with trapping and

that he would have a very hard time approving the use of Fumitoxin in City Parks. Simon mentioned that they had also researched zinc phosphide as another alternative to Fumitoxin. Chair Chittick expressed his support for owl boxes at Parks and offered to be a resource if needed.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.