



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

**Parks Division  
IPM ADVISORY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING  
Thursday, January 19, 2023  
Parks Building Break Room  
402 E Ortega St  
Santa Barbara, CA  
9:00 A.M.**

**MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair Chittick at 9:10 A.M.

ROLL CALL:

Voting Members:

Present: Greg Chittick, Kristen LaBonte, Larry Saltzman

Staff Present: Jazmin LeBlanc, Caitlin Lam, Simón Herrera, Steve Biddle, Tina Nelson, Nathan Slack, Erin Markey, Scott Walwyn

Also Present: Dale Shreve, Lenz Pest Control; Kathy McGill, Parks & Recreation Commission Chair; Nichol Clark, Parks & Recreation Commissioner

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

N/A

WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT:

N/A

PUBLIC COMMENT:

N/A

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made and seconded (Chittick/LaBonte) to approve the minutes of November 1, 2022. The motion passed (3-0).

COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Staff report on effects of application of Change Up at Cabrillo Ballfield – Steve Biddle

Parks Supervisor Steve Biddle reported on the effects of applying ChangeUp at Cabrillo Ballfield on October 19, 2022. A total of 3 pints were applied to 3 acres and the results have been very successful, giving staff the ability to make

improvements to the field that they had not been able to make previously. Steve shared current photos of Cabrillo Ballfield to demonstrate the lack of weeds and photos of Pershing where weeds are dominating. He reported that he will be scheduling the second round of application, this time of SpeedZone Southern, in the next few weeks depending on weather. He believes that this type of application will be necessary on the three official sports fields – Cabrillo Ballfield, Pershing Park, and Dwight Murphy Park, but would not be pursued in passive park areas where turf uniformity is not a maintenance goal. He confirmed that these three areas are fenced.

B. Staff report on FY 2023 Q2 gopher trapping gopher control material IGI CO2 – Simón Herrera

Simón Herrera reported numbers of traps set, time spent, and gophers trapped in FY23 Q2. In both Q1 and Q2, Simón found that trapping 1 gopher takes about 30 minutes. Dale Shreve gave an update on the carbon dioxide machine that he purchased, stating that it had been completely unsuccessful in multiple trials at La Mesa Park. Simón also updated the committee on the success of the carbon monoxide extermination machine and the installation of owl boxes in Mission Historical Park and La Mesa Park in November 2022.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Emergency Exemption Request for use of Abamectin (Divanem) on Golf Course Greens (Attachment) – FOR ACTION

Scott Walwyn reported on the use of Divanem in December to treat for nematodes that were negatively effecting nutrient uptake of the greens. The first application was successful and a second is scheduled for late March. Vice Chair LaBonte recommended looking into using beneficial nematodes to predate the problem species as an alternative to the pesticide. Chair Chittick moved to approve; Vice Chair LaBonte seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

B. Exemption Request for use of Triclopyr (Garlon 4) at Mission Historical Park – (Attachment) – FOR ACTION

Nathan Slack presented the request to remove an oak tree growing out of a historic structure as close as possible to the wall and paint the stump with Garlon 4 to prevent resprouting. Jazmin LeBlanc mentioned that Parks staff has consulted with the City Historian and did not find any other alternatives. Nathan reported that Parks maintenance staff are doing increased monitoring and removal of small oaks so that this issue does not continue. Chair Chittick moved to approve; Member Saltzman seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

N/A

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 A.M.