



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

**Parks Division
IPM ADVISORY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING**

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Alice Keck Park
1500 Santa Barbara St
Santa Barbara, CA
10:00 A.M.

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair Chittick at 10:02 A.M.

ROLL CALL:

Voting Members:

Present: Greg Chittick, Kristen LaBonte, Larry Saltzman, Barbara Silver, Keith Nevison

Staff Present: Jazmin LeBlanc, Daisy Hernandez, Simón Herrera

Also Present: Santa Barbara Botanic Garden Staff- Denise Knapp, Scot Pipkin, Alejandro Lemus

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

Approval of February meeting minutes and FY25 meeting schedule moved to July meeting.

WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT:

N/A

PUBLIC COMMENT:

N/A

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS:

N/A

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

N/A

MEMBER AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

**A. Exemption Request for use of Sedgehammer at Alice Keck Park (Attachment)
– FOR ACTION**

Denise Knapp from Santa Barbara Botanic Garden presented an exemption request to use Sedgehammer in Alice Keck Park. She provided a brief background on the garden demonstration project where they will be sponsoring two garden plots that showcase the benefits of native plants for sustainability and habitat support. The main challenge discussed was the presence of yellow nutsedge, an invasive weed difficult to control due to its deep roots and prolific spreading. Various control methods were explored over many years, including numerous hours of manual weeding, torching, and soil solarization.

Santa Barbara Botanic Garden requested two applications of low volume selective herbicide Sedgehammer in two planters at Alice Keck Park. Target area would be within a 6' high fenced area and in beds clear of other desirable vegetation. Member LaBonte moved to conditionally approve one bed based on the modification to use Sedgehammer Plus, six-foot fencing and caution tape buffer with staff onsite during application. Fence to remain up until the treated area dries, then replaced with a smaller fence for thirty days and follow up with second application one month later if needed; Member Silver seconded. The motion passed 1-3, Member Nevison abstained from the vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

N/A

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 A.M.