



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

**REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, January 26, 2022  
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Kathy McGill called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners and Staff Present**

Chair Kathy McGill  
Vice Chair Nichol Clark  
Commissioner Sebastian Aldana  
Commissioner Evelyn Feck  
Commissioner Jacob Lesner-Buxton  
Commissioner Beebe Longstreet  
Commissioner Robin Unander-LaBerge  
Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary  
Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jazmin LeBlanc  
Urban Forest Superintendent Nathan Slack  
Administrative Specialist Caitlin Lam

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

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

Vice Chair Clark attended the Street Tree Advisory Committee meeting.

Commissioner Longstreet watched and reported on review of the De la Guerra Plaza Revitalization Plan at the January 19 Historic Landmarks Commission meeting.

Commissioner Lesner-Buxton reported on and attended the Youth Council meeting.

Chair McGill reported that Councilmember Friedman has been named as Council Liaison to the PARC Foundation.

G. Commission And Staff Communications

Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary reported items being brought before the Commission in the next few months will include capital projects updates and recreation programming and park operations updates, and the Fiscal Year 2023 proposed budget. Upcoming events include the Bohnett Park Renovation ribbon cutting and the Las Positas Multiuse Path/Arroyo Burro Open Space ribbon cutting.

**CEREMONIAL ITEMS**

Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary recognized Liz Smith, Creeks Outreach Coordinator, for 15 years of service.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

- 1. Subject: Summary of Council Actions – For Information (Attachment)**
- 2. Subject: Minutes – For Action (Attachment)**

Recommendation: That the Commission waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 15, 2021.

**Motion:**

**Commissioner McGill / Longstreet to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 15, 2021.**

**Vote:**

**Majority voice vote (4/0/2) Abstain: Aldana, Unander-LaBerge**

**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.

- 3. Subject: Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations – For Action (Attachments)**

Documents:

- Staff Report dated January 26, 2021
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Urban Forest Superintendent Nathan Slack

Recommendation: That the Commission:

- A. Approve the following street tree removal request:

1. 25 W. Ortega St. – *Jacaranda mimosifolia*, Jacaranda – Mary Meaney Reichel

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

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Clark / Longstreet to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and approve the removal with replacement trees to be planted as proposed, and on the condition that the removal not occur prior to beginning construction.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (7/0)**

- B. Conditionally approve the following street tree removal request:

1. 1224 W. Micheltorena St. – *Ilex cornuta*, Chinese Holly – Elizabeth Hughes

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

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Longstreet / Aldana to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and approve the removal on the condition a new street tree be planted within the public right of way.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (7/0)**

- C. Deny the following street tree removal request:

1. 2409 State St. – *Quercus agrifolia*, Coast Live Oak – Peter and Deborah Bertling

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

**Motion:**

**Commissioner McGill / Longstreet to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and deny the removal.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (7/0)**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS**

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

Documents:

-Staff Report dated January 26, 2022

Speaker:

-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 annual volunteer pruning event at the A.C. Postel Memorial Rose Garden in Mission Historical Park and Los Baños del Mar Pool repairs.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**5. Subject: Advisory Committee Liaison Appointments – For Action (Attachment)**

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

Commissioner Aldana was appointed as liaison to the Neighborhood Advisory Committee, and alternate to the Creeks Advisory Committee. Commissioner Unander-LaBerge was appointed as liaison to the Arts and Crafts Show Advisory Committee. Commissioner Longstreet was appointed as the liaison to the Golf Advisory Committee. All other liaison appointments remain the same.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:38 pm, with no further business to be addressed by the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Zachary,  
Parks and Recreation Director