



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

**REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, February 23, 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  
Recreation Manager Rich Hanna  
Urban Forest Superintendent Nathan Slack  
Administrative Assistant Rose Nevarez

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

- A. Welcome New Commissioners
- B. Changes to the Agenda – None
- C. Written Communications

Email received at 2:58 forwarded to Commissioners

- D. Public Comment

Lucy O'Brien  
Ana Marie Gott  
Jason Egbert  
Victoria Valente  
Wesley Roe  
Betsy Cramer

E. Youth Council Report

Youth Council member Amelia Vander May reported the Harriet Miller Scholarship Award dates have changed, with the application period opening March 1. The Youth Council is working with MAAD on creating a public service announcement on the dangers of underage drinking and is hosting their first virtual youth speak-out event on March 28. The speak-out will focus on mental wellness in youth and young adults in Santa Barbara County.

F. Commissioner Committee Assignment Reports

Commissioner Longstreet attended and reported on the Golf Advisory Committee meeting and the De La Guerra Plaza Revitalization Subcommittee meeting. She also attended the Bohnett Park Renovation ribbon-cutting.

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

Commissioner Unander-LaBerge attended and reported on the Arts and Crafts Show Advisory Committee meeting.

Commissioner Aldana attended the Bohnett Park Renovation ribbon-cutting.

Vice Chair Clark attended the Street Tree Advisory Committee meeting.

Commissioner Feck attended and reported on the Creeks Advisory Committee meeting.

G. Commission And Staff Communications – None

**CEREMONIAL ITEMS**

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jazmin LeBlanc recognized Jeff Smith, Recreation Supervisor, and Jose Ibarra, Grounds Maintenance Worker II, 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 January 26, 2022.

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Longstreet / Aldana to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 26, 2022.**

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

### **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 February 23, 2022
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Urban Forest Superintendent Nathan Slack
- Rhonda Wheatley (Item 3.D.2)

Recommendation: That the Commission:

A. Conditionally approve the following street tree removal requests:

1. 425 Garden St. – *Brachychiton discolor*, Queensland Lacebark – Greg Reitz

The Commission received the report 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 that 2 new street trees be planted in a location to be determined by the City Arborist.**

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

2. 2 S. Quarantina St. and Quinientos St. – (1) *Ficus rubiginosa*, Rusty-Leaf Fig, (1) *Eucalyptus globulus*, Blue Gum, and (2) *Koelreuteria bipinnata*, Chinese Flame Tree – Derek Carlson with Marborg Industries, Inc.

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

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Longstreet / Clark to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and approve removal of the**

**Blue Gum and 2 Chinese Flame Trees on the condition 12 replacement street trees be planted as proposed, and deny without prejudice removal of the Rusty-Leaf Fig, directing staff to work with the applicant and Public Works Transportation Division on a solution for retaining the Rusty-Leaf Fig.**

**Vote:**

**Majority voice vote (6/1) (Nay: Unander-LaBerge)**

B. Deny the following street tree removal requests:

1. 110/114 S. Quarantina St. – *Lophostemon confertus*, Brisbane Box – Derek Carlson with Marborg Industries, Inc.

The Commission received the report 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)**

2. 816 W. Anapamu St. – *Olea europaea*, Olive – Sally Glasgow

The Commission received the report and the following action was taken:

**Motion:**

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

**Vote:**

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

3. 2526 Oak Crest Dr. – *Eucalyptus polyanthemos*, Silver Dollar Gum – Alicia and Gregory James

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

**Motion:**

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

**Vote:**

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

C. Approve the following setback tree removal request:

1. 817 N. Salsipuedes St. – *Ficus benjamina*, Weeping Fig – Wayne Redit

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

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Aldana / McGill to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and approve the removal, as pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090, the principles of good forest management will be best served by the removal.**

**Vote:**

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

D. Deny the following setback tree removal requests:

1. 2726 Miradero Dr. – *Cypress sp.*, Cypress – Gail Crivello

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

**Motion:**

**Commissioner McGill / Aldana to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and deny the removal without prejudice, as no findings for its removal pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090 were identified.**

**Vote:**

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

2. 536 Bath St. – *Pinus pinea*, Italian Stone Pine – Rhonda Wheatley

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

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Longstreet / Clark to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and deny the removal, as no findings for its removal pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090 were identified.**

**Vote:**

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

3. 211 Via Sevilla – *Ficus microcarpa*, Indian Laurel Fig – Gail Gorton

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 deny the removal without prejudice, as no findings for its removal pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090 were identified.**

**Vote:**

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS**

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

Documents:

-Staff Report dated February 23, 2022

Speaker:

-Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jazmin LeBlanc

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 reported on the Bohnett Park Renovation and Storm Water Project ribbon cutting ceremony and the Oak Park dance floor renovation.

**5. Subject: Tennis and Pickleball Program Report – For Action (Attachment)**

Documents:

-Staff Report dated February 23, 2022

Speakers:

-Recreation Manager Rich Hanna  
-Craig Markson  
-Sue Irwin  
-Richard Salzberg  
-Rich Valdez  
-Ramsin Eivazzadeh  
-Nancy Kaplan  
-Toby Donner  
-Janet Colby

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- Karen Frykland
- Diana Andonian
- Leslie Thomas

Recommendation: That the Commission:

- A. Receive a presentation on the status of tennis and pickleball programming conducted at Parks and Recreation Department (Department) facilities; and
- B. Concur with the staff recommendation to return to the open play model for pickleball in conjunction with the 2022/23 annual pass renewal process beginning July 1, 2022.

Recreation Manager Rich Hanna gave background on the programs and an overview of the facilities. He then reported on tennis and pickleball programming and participation, pandemic response and trends, facility management, and program Fiscal Year 2022 Budget items.

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

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Longstreet / Aldana to concur with the staff recommendation to return to the open play model for pickleball in conjunction with the 2022/23 annual pass renewal process beginning July 1, 2022.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (6/0) (Commissioner Feck temporarily absent due to technical issues)**

**6. Subject: Annual Performance Metrics and Reporting in the Parks and Recreation Department – For Information (Attachment)**

**Documents:**

- Staff Report dated February 23, 2022

**Speaker:**

- Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jazmin LeBlanc
- Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a report on performance metrics and reporting in the Parks and Recreation Department.

Concurrent with each annual budget process, all City departments compile metrics intended to capture their workload efforts and performance achievements, with results published on the City's website at the end of each fiscal year with the yearly budget. Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jazmin LeBlanc presented background and

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purpose of performance measures (P3s) in the Parks and Recreation Department, pandemic impacts, and highlights from the Department's P3s throughout the pandemic.

The Commission received the report and their questions were answered.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:33 pm, with no further business to be addressed by the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Zachary,  
Parks and Recreation Director