



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

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, March 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 Jacob Lesner-Buxton (4:25)
Commissioner Beebe Longstreet
Commissioner Robin Unander-LaBerge
Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary
Recreation Manager Rich Hanna
Urban Forest Superintendent Nathan Slack
Administrative Assistant Rose Nevarez

Commissioners Absent

Commissioner Evelyn Feck

GENERAL BUSINESS

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

Commissioner Longstreet attended and reported on the De La Guerra Plaza Surface Materials Subcommittee meeting.

Vice Chair Clark attended and reported on the PARC Foundation Board meeting and attended the Arroyo Burro Open Space Community Planting Day on March 12.

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

Commissioner Aldana attended a Yanonali Community Garden meeting at Eastside Neighborhood Park.

Chair McGill attended the PARC Foundation Board meeting and the Multi-Use Path/Arroyo Burro Open Space ribbon cutting on March 3.

F. Commission And Staff Communications

Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary reported that the Commission will return to in-person meetings in Council Chamber at City Hall beginning in April. She thanked Department administrative staff that have hosted or supported teleconferences, including Rose Nevarez, Caitlin Lam, Patty Herrera, Jen Hollywood, Liz Smith, and Daisy Hernandez, among others.

Chair McGill mentioned that, as stated on the agenda, written communications must now be received a minimum of 24 hours prior to Commission meetings in order to be considered for the meeting.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

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 February 23, 2022.

Motion:

Commissioner Longstreet / Clark to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 23, 2022.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (5/0)

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)**

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Documents:

- Staff Report dated March 23, 2022
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Urban Forest Superintendent Nathan Slack
- Joseph Cooper (Item 3.C.1)

Recommendation: That the Commission:

A. Deny the following street tree removal requests:

1. 624 E. De La Guerra Plaza / 726 State St. – *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palm – John Chaffee

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 deny the removal without prejudice.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (5/0)

2. 398 Wyola Rd. – *Jacaranda mimosifolia*, Jacaranda – Sandy Lipowski

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 deny the removal without prejudice.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (6/0)

B. Conditionally approve the following setback tree removal request:

1. 1704 La Coronilla Dr. – (2) *Callistemon citrinus*, Lemon Bottlebrush, and (2) *Schinus terebinthifolia*, Brazilian Pepper – Celia Lennon

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 the removals on the condition 2 canopy trees that will reach a minimum of 25 feet be planted on the property or as street trees, as pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090, principles of good forest management will be best served by the removals.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (6/0)

C. Deny the following setback tree removal request:

1. 2537 Crescent Ave. – *Tipuana tipu*, Tipu – Joseph Cooper

The Commission received the report, listened to testimony, 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, as no findings for its removal pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090 were identified.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (6/0)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

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

Documents:

-Staff Report dated March 23, 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 completion of Phase II of the Arroyo Burro Open Space Restoration Project and ribbon cutting ceremony, Summer Camp Registration, Municipal Golf Course improvements, and Yanonali Community Garden meetings at Eastside Neighborhood Park.

5. Subject: License Agreement Request for Proposal Process to Provide Year-Round Structured Recreation in Plaza Vera Cruz – For Information (Attachments)

Documents:

-Staff Report dated March 23, 2022

Speakers:

-Recreation Manager Rich Hanna
-Paul Bowen
-Marissa Giustina
-Amber Budden

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a presentation on the Request for Proposal process for entering into a License Agreement with the purpose of conducting year-round structured recreational activities, programs, camps, classes, and community performances for all ages, in Plaza Vera Cruz.

Recreation Manager Rich Hanna gave background on Plaza Vera Cruz and the SB Trapeze Co. pilot program He then gave an overview of the Request for Proposal process and the proposed agreement with SB Trapeze Co.

The Commission received the report and listened to testimony

Commissioner comments supported this use of Plaza Vera Cruz.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:43 pm, with no further business to be addressed by the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Zachary,
Parks and Recreation Director