



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

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, May 25, 2022  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

**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  
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 Assistant Rose Nevarez

**Commissioners Absent**

Vice Chair Nichol Clark

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

- A. Changes to the Agenda – None
- B. Written Public Comment – None
- C. Public Comment – None
- D. Commissioner Committee Assignment Reports

Commissioner Aldana attended and reported on the Ortega Park Murals Advisory Group meeting.

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

Commissioner Longstreet attended and reported on the De La Guerra Plaza Surface Materials Subcommittee meetings. The De La Guerra Plaza Revitalization Design Advisory Committee will meet on June 3.

Chair McGill attended and reported on the PARC Foundation Board meeting and attended the Special Council Budget Meeting on May 9 where she provided comments in support of the Parks and Recreation budget.

E. Commission And Staff Communications – None

### **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 April 27, 2022.

#### **Motion:**

**Commissioner Longstreet / Aldana to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 27, 2022.**

#### **Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (6/0)**

### **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 May 25, 2022
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

#### Speakers:

- Urban Forest Superintendent Nathan Slack
- Public Speaker Adam Sharkey (Item 4.C.3)
- Public Speaker Michael Fedyk (Item 4.C.2)
- Public Speaker Tom Schultz (Item 4.D.1)

Recommendation: That the Commission:

A. Deny the following street tree removal requests:

1. 1334 Punta Gorda St. – *Eucalyptus polyanthemos*, Silver Dollar Gum – John Coudray

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

**Motion:**

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

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (6/0)**

B. Approve the following setback tree removal request:

1. 2541 Modoc Rd. – *Eucalyptus camaldulensis*, River Red Gum – Action Tree Care

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

**Motion:**

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

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (6/0)**

C. Conditionally approve the following setback tree removal requests:

1. 229 Mohawk Rd. – *Schinus molle*, Pepper Tree – Kalley Liehr

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 that the proposed replacement tree be installed, as pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090, a reasonable and practical development of the property requires its removal.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (6/0)**

2. 1325 Mountain Ave. – *Tipuana tipu*, Tipu Tree – Michael Fedyk

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

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Aldana / Longstreet to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and approve the removal on the condition the applicant replace with a street tree of 15-gallon minimum container size, as pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090, regard for safety of persons or property dictates removal.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (6/0)**

3. 650 Rockwood Dr. – (6) *Acacia baileyana*, Bailey Acacia – Adam Sharkey

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

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Longstreet / Feck to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and approve the removals on the condition they be replaced on the property with three additional trees of a minimum 15 gallon container size and that can achieve 30 feet in height, as pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090, a reasonable and practical development of the property requires their removal.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (6/0)**

- D. Deny the following setback tree removal request:

1. 760 Calabria Dr. – *Pinus canariensis*, Canary Island Pine – Michelle Morris

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

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Longstreet / McGill 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:**

**Majority voice vote (4/2) (Nay: Aldana, Lesner-Buxton)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS**

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

Documents:

-Staff Report dated May 25, 2022

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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 Ortega Park swimsuit drive, Santa Barbara Summer Nights program, Oak Park dance floor renovation, Thousand Steps Repair Project, and the Summer Fun program.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:59 pm, with no further business to be addressed by the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Zachary,  
Parks and Recreation Director