



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

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, July 27, 2022
Council Chamber, 735 Anacapa Street**

CALL TO ORDER

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

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 Assistant Rose Nevarez

GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Changes to the Agenda – None
- B. Written Public Comment – None
- C. Public Comment

Victoria Valente

- D. Commissioner Committee Assignment Reports

Vice Chair Clark attended the Street Tree Advisory Committee meeting and the Oak Park Dance Floor ribbon-cutting.

Commissioner Aldana attended the Oak Park Dance Floor ribbon-cutting and attended and reported on the Neighborhood Improvement Task Force meeting.

Commissioner Longstreet attended the Oak Park Dance Floor ribbon-cutting.

Chair McGill attended and reported on two PARC Foundation Board meetings and two De la Guerra Plaza Arts & Culture Subcommittee meetings.

E. Commission And Staff Communications

Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary announced that the City is receiving the President's Award from Santa Barbara Beautiful for the Cabrillo Pavilion Renovation. Also, an application for \$1.5 million Community Priority Funding for the Dwight Murphy Field Renovation Project has made it through the House Appropriations Committee, and the Gwendolyn Strong Foundation is working toward meeting their goal of \$6 million for their contribution toward the project.

Directory Zachary reported that future Commission agenda items will include the Santa Barbara Arts and Crafts Show, Commercial Use in City Parks Policy, the Ortega Park Renovation, and Capital Projects update. A special budget work session is also proposed.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. Subject: Employee Recognition – Service Award Pins

Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary recognized Payton Moore, Recreation Coordinator, for 5 years of service; Steve Biddle, Parks Supervisor, for 10 years of service; and Cameron Benson, Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager, for 15 years of service.

CONSENT ITEMS

2. Subject: Summary of Council Actions – For Information (Attachment)

3. Subject: Minutes – For Action (Attachment)

Recommendation: That the Commission waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 25, 2022.

Motion:

Commissioner Longstreet / Aldana to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 25, 2022.

Vote:

Majority voice vote (6/0/1) (Abstain: Clark)

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.

4. Subject: Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations – For Action (Attachments)

Documents:

- Staff Report dated July 27, 2022
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Urban Forest Superintendent Nathan Slack
- Public Speaker Bill Spiewak (Item 4.C.1)
- Public Speaker Duke McPherson, STAC Member (Item 4.C.1)
- Public Speaker Bruce Reed, STAC Member (Item 4.C.1)
- Public Speaker Maury Treman, STAC Member (Item 4.C.1)

Recommendation: That the Commission:

A. Approve the following street tree removal request:

1. 3700 block of Modoc Road to Santa Barbara County line – 34 various species – Taylor Berryman, Project Engineer, City of Santa Barbara Public Works

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 removals and replacements as proposed.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (7/0)

B. Deny the following street tree removal requests:

1. 1315 Ensenada Street – *Liquidambar styraciflua*, American Sweetgum – Joseph Van Thyne

The Commission received the report, 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.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (7/0)

2. 3657 Sunset Drive – *Pyrus kawakamii*, Evergreen Pear – Helen Birss

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

Motion:

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

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (7/0)

C. Deny the following park tree removal request:

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

The Commission received the report, listened to testimony, 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, and request that staff explore the feasibility of root shaving so that the applicant may waterproof the building, and if determined feasible, conduct or permit the work.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (7/0)

D. Approve the following change to the Street Tree Master Plan:

1. All of Gray Avenue – *Lophostemon confertus* (*Tristania conferta*, synonym), Brisbane Box species designation change – Nicole Horn, CJM::LA

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 change the designation for all of Gray Avenue to Brisbane Box.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (7/0)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

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

Documents:

-Staff Report dated July 27, 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 Concerts in the Park, Children's Fiesta Parade, the new City website, and East Beach Park picnic area improvements. Director Zachary then reported the renovation of the Andrée Clark Bird Refuge would begin soon, and the Parks Division installed a total of 422 cubic yards of Fibar at various parks and playgrounds.

The Commissioners received the report and their questions were answered.

6. Subject: Annual Advisory Committee Reports – For Information (Attachments)

Recommendation: That the Commission receive the Annual Advisory Committee Reports.

The Commission received the reports and their questions were answered.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

7. Subject: Annual Election of Chair and Vice Chair – For Action

Recommendation: That the Commission elect a Chair and Vice Chair to serve as presiding officer for the period of August 1, 2022 through July 30, 2023.

Motion:

Commissioner Clark / Longstreet to nominate Commissioner Feck as Vice Chair for the period of August 1, 2022 through July 30, 2023.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (7/0)

Motion:

Commissioner Longstreet / Feck to nominate Commissioner McGill as Chair for the period of August 1, 2022 through July 30, 2023.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (7/0)

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:44 pm, with no further business to be addressed by the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Zachary,
Parks and Recreation Director