



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

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, August 24, 2022  
Council Chamber, 735 Anacapa Street**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Kathy McGill called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners and Staff Present**

Chair Kathy McGill  
Commissioner Sebastian Aldana  
Commissioner Nichol Clark  
Commissioner Jacob Lesner-Buxton  
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 Evelyn Feck  
Commissioner Beebe Longstreet

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

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

Victoria Valente, Jessie Espinoza, Tino De Guevara

- D. Commissioner Committee Assignment Reports

Commissioner Aldana attended and reported on the Neighborhood Advisory Council meeting.

Commissioner Unander-LaBerge attended and reported on the July and August Arts and Crafts Show Advisory Committee meetings.

- E. Commission And Staff Communications – None

## **CEREMONIAL ITEMS**

### **1. Subject: Employee Recognition – Service Award Pins**

Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary recognized Ramiro Arroyo, Parks Supervisor, for 10 years of service.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

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

### **3. Subject: Minutes – For Action (Attachment)**

- A. Recommendation: That the Commission waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 22, 2022.

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Aldana / Clark to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 22, 2022 with amendments correcting the addresses of Sunflower and Eastside Neighborhood Parks, and Public Comment.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (5/0)**

- B. Recommendation: That the Commission waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 27, 2022.

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Clark / McGill to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 27, 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.

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

**Documents:**

- Staff Report dated August 24, 2022
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Urban Forest Superintendent Nathan Slack
- Public Speaker William Robinson (Item 4.B.1.)
- Public Speaker Stephen Olson (Item 4.B.1.)
- Public Speaker Wendy Foster (Item 4.B.1.)

Recommendation: That the Commission:

A. Conditionally approve the following street tree removal requests:

1. 714 N. Voluntario Street – (2) *Syagrus romanzoffiana*, Queen Palms, and (1) *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palm – Jennifer Buck

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

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Aldana / Clark to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and approve the removals on the condition the applicant plant two new designated street trees and a replacement Tree Aloe in the front setback, as pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090, principles of good forest management will be best served by the removals.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (5/0)**

2. 2151 Mission Ridge Road – (1) *Corymbia citriodora*, Lemon-Scented Gum, and (1) *Araucaria columnaris*, Cook Pine – Will Sofrin

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

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Clark / Aldana to approve the removal of the Lemon-Scented Gum and deny removal of the Cook Pine, on the condition that the applicant plant a minimum of three Olive trees and two Coast Live Oaks.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (5/0)**

B. Deny the following street tree removal request:

1. 920 Garden Street – (2) *Schinus molle*, Pepper Trees – Mike Lewbel

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

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Unander-LaBerge / Clark to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and deny the removals.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (5/0)**

C. Deny the following setback tree removal requests:

1. 528 W. Figueroa Street – (1) *Persea americana*, Mexican Avocado, (1) *Diospyros kaki*, Japanese Persimmon, and (1) *Prunus armeniaca*, Apricot – Lonnie Roy

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

**Motion:**

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

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (5/0)**

2. 326 W. Sola Street – *Cupressus sempervirens*, Italian Cypress – Arbor Services, Inc.

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

**Motion:**

**Commissioner McGill / Aldana to approval the removal on the condition two new Italian Cypress be planted as proposed, as pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090, a reasonable and practical development of the property requires its removal.**

**Vote:**

**Majority voice vote (3/2) (Nay: Clark, Unander-LaBerge)**

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

1. All of Paterna Road – *Syzygium australe*, Brush Cherry species co-designation change – Staff

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

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Clark / McGill to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and co-designate Brush Cherry for all of Paterna Road.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous voice vote (5/0)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS**

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

Documents:

-Staff Report dated August 24, 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 post-Fiesta park restorations, the Recreation Afterschool Program, Afterschool Sport Leagues, and Creek Week. Director Zachary also reported that the Dwight Murphy Field Renovation Project received Architectural Board of Review project design approval on August 22.

The Commissioners received the report and their questions were answered.

**OLD BUSINESS – None**

**NEW BUSINESS – None**

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:48 pm, with no further business to be addressed by the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Zachary,  
Parks and Recreation Director