



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

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, October 27, 2021
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 Jacob Lesner-Buxton
Commissioner Beebe Longstreet
Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jazmin LeBlanc
Recreation Manager Rich Hanna
Urban Forest Superintendent Nathan Slack
Senior Recreation Supervisor Jason Bryan
Public Works Principal Project Manager Brad Hess
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

Youth Council Chair Julia Minor reported the Youth Council assisted with the child passenger seat safety check up at the Franklin Center in partnership with the CHP, Safe Kids of SB County, County of SB Emergency Medical Services Agency, and Cottage Children's Medical Center. They are also partnering with Police Activities League on a Trunk or Treat event on October 29 at the Spencer Adams parking lot.

- E. Commissioner Committee Assignment Reports

Commissioner Lesner-Buxton attended the Youth Council meeting.

Agenda Item: 1

Vice Chair Clark attended the Street Tree Advisory Committee meeting, and attended and reported on the October 7 Eastside Neighborhood Park Open House and a PARC Foundation Board Meeting.

Chair McGill attended and reported on an Integrated Pest Management Special Meeting, a PARC Foundation Board Meeting, and the October 9 Eastside Neighborhood Park Open House.

F. Commission And Staff Communications – None

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. Subject: Employee Recognition – Service Award Pins

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jazmin LeBlanc recognized John Velasco, Park Ranger, and Artemio Aranda, Sr. Grounds Maintenance Worker, for 15 years of service; and Ramon Perez, Custodian, for 20 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 September 22, 2021.

Motion:

Commissioner Longstreet / Clark to waive the readings and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 22, 2021.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (4)

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 October 27, 2021
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Urban Forest Superintendent Nathan Slack
- Public Works Principal Project Manager Brad Hess

Recommendation: That the Commission:

A. Approve the following street tree removal request:

1. 119 E. Cota St. and 600 block of Santa Barbara St. – (23) *Tipuana tipu*, *Tipuana*, (9) *Quercus agrifolia*, Coast Live Oak, and (3) *Quercus virginiana*, Southern Live Oak – Brad Hess, City of Santa Barbara Public Works

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 with the determination that the proposed removals and mitigation ratios were justified, and with the stipulation that no trees be removed before construction begins, as pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090, a reasonable and practical development of the property requires removal of the trees.

Vote:

Majority voice vote (3/1) Nay: Lesner-Buxton

B. Approve the following setback tree removal request:

1. 226 Oliver Rd. – (2) *Pinus pinea*, Italian Stone Pine – Ronnie Gosnell, Montecito Tree Care

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 that 2 trees that can achieve 30 feet in height be planted, in the parkway or setback, with location to be determined in consultation with the City Arborist, as pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090, principles of good forest management will be best served by their removal.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (4/0)

C. Deny the following setback tree removal requests:

1. 1027 San Andres St., Apt. 1 – *Pinus canariensis*, Canary Island Pine – Chin Chin Chang

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

Motion:

Commissioner McGill / Lesner-Buxton 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 (4/0)

2. 1915 Red Rose Way, #2 – *Corymbia ficifolia*, Red Flowering Gum – Lee Anne Ayers

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

Motion:

Commissioner Longstreet / Lesner-Buxton 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 (4/0)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

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

Documents:

-Staff Report dated October 27, 2021

Speakers:

-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 Arts and Crafts Show COVID-19 impact update, Plaza del Mar Band Shell renovation, and Oak Park dance floor and Thousand Steps repairs.

OLD BUSINESS

6. Subject: Santa Barbara Arts and Crafts Show Program – For Discussion (Attachments)

Documents:

- Staff Report dated October 27, 2021
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff
- October 25 email from Jeff Kennedy
- October 26 email from Jim Hockin
- October 27 email from Marilyn Loperfido

Speakers:

- Recreation Manager Rich Hanna
- Senior Recreation Supervisor Jason Bryan
- Jim Hockin
- Marilyn Loperfido

Recommendation: That the Commission receive an update on the Santa Barbara Arts and Crafts Show and review progress on improving the Show organization to ensure its successful longevity.

Recreation Manager Rich Hanna introduced the item and thanked Committee Members, Show Members, and staff who have spent a lot of time and worked very hard on this collaborative process.

Senior Recreation Supervisor Jason Bryan gave an update on the work effort since the last presentation at the January Commission meeting. Topics included the 1973 ballot initiative, eliminating separate arts and crafts sections, updating procedures and regulations, standardizing the Committee appointment process, providing opportunities for other waterfront events on Show days, and standardizing enforcement procedures with the Parks and Recreation Department's Code of Conduct.

Commissioners received the report, received public comment, and their questions were answered. Comments included support for proposed changes to the enforcement procedures, location assignment system, integrating the show, options for different concurrent events in the waterfront, and allowing artists to sell prints, produced by the artist, of their work. Chair McGill suggested the Municipal Code and Ordinance be reviewed to ensure prints of artwork are allowed, and supports the January 2022 implementation target.

NEW BUSINESS – None

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jazmin LeBlanc
Assistant Parks and Recreation Director