



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

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, December 15, 2021
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kathy McGill called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners and Staff Present

Chair Kathy McGill
Vice Chair Nichol Clark
Commissioner Evelyn Feck
Commissioner Jacob Lesner-Buxton
Commissioner Beebe Longstreet
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 Communications – None
- C. Public Comment
Richard Salzberg
- D. Youth Council Report

Youth Council member Amelia Vander May reported on the child passenger car seat safety checkup event on November 20 at the Franklin Neighborhood Center, which served 45 families, and the Trunk or Treat event in October, attended by 3,000 community members. Upcoming events include another child passenger car seat safety checkup event on May 21; assisting Downtown Santa Barbara in the Harriet Miller Scholarship Award process; and a public service announcement, in collaboration with MADD, addressing underage drinking.

- E. Commissioner Committee Assignment Reports

Vice Chair Clark attended the Street Tree Advisory Committee meeting and attended and reported on the PARC Foundation Board meeting.

Commissioner Lesner-Buxton attended the Youth Council meeting.

Chair McGill attended the PARC Foundation Board meeting and the Cabrillo Pavilion donor reception, and attended and reported on the Integrated Pest Management Advisory Committee meeting.

F. Commission And Staff Communications

Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary reported Simon Herrera is serving as the Interim Parks Manager, and the City Council made appointments to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Chair McGill's term was renewed, and Sebastian Aldana and Robin Unander will begin serving on the Commission in January.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. Subject: Employee Recognition – Service Award Pins

Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary recognized Rose Nevarez, Administrative Assistant, for five years of service, and Jason Bryan, Senior Recreation Supervisor, for 30 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 November 17, 2021.

Motion:

Commissioner Longstreet / Clark to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 17, 2021.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (5)

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 December 15, 2021
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

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Speakers:

- Urban Forest Superintendent Nathan Slack
- Trish Allen – Suzanne Elledge Planning & Permitting (Item 4.A.1)
- Nancy Tillie – SB Neighborhood Clinic (Item 4.A.1)
- Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary (Item 4.B.1)
- Jane Farrell (Item 4.C.1.)

Recommendation: That the Commission:

A. Approve the following street tree removal requests:

1. 621 W. Micheltorena St. – (1) *Jacaranda mimosifolia*, Jacaranda, (1) *Corymbia citriodora*, Lemon-Scented Gum, and (1) *Corymbia ficifolia*, Red Flowering Gum (*setback tree*) – Nicole Horn

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 with replacement trees to be planted as proposed, and noting a reasonable and practical development of the property requires removal of the Red Flowering Gum.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (5/0)

2. 2121 Las Tunas Rd. – *Eucalyptus globulus*, Blue Gum Eucalyptus – Ian Williamson

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 approve the removal.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (5/0)

B. Conditionally approve the following street tree removal request:

1. 323 E. Cabrillo Blvd. – (9) *Metrosideros excelsus*, New Zealand Christmas Tree – Justin Van Mullem

The Commission received the report 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 that the applicant replace at a 2:1 ratio.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (5/0)

C. Deny the following street tree removal request:

1. 1459 Crestline Dr. – (2) *Ficus microcarpa*, Indian Laurel – Jane Farrell

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 removals.

Vote:

Majority voice vote (4/0/1) Abstain: McGill

D. Conditionally approve the following setback tree removal requests:

1. 934 E. Haley St. – (1) *Eriobotrya deflexa*, Bronze Loquat, and (1) *Ligustrum lucidum*, Glossy Privet – Tracy Burnell

The Commission received the report 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 they be replaced with two trees that can achieve a minimum height of 20 feet, as pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090, a reasonable and practical development of the property requires their removal.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (5/0)

2. 2535 Treasure Dr. – (3) *Pittosporum undulatum* Victorian Box – Alexander Kemp

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 approve the removals on

the condition that they be replaced with 3 trees, one of which can achieve a minimum height of 20 feet, 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)

E. Deny the following setback tree removal requests:

1. 3060 Lucinda Ln. – *Pinus pinea*, Italian Stone Pine – John Ferry

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

Vote:
Unanimous voice vote (5/0)

2. 1550 La Vista Del Oceano – *Eucalyptus cladocalyx*, Sugar Gum – Jeffrey Hazarian

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 without prejudice.

Vote:
Unanimous voice vote (5/0)

F. Approve the following changes to the Street Tree Master Plan:

1. Borton Road / Murrell Road / Linda Road – modify designations – Staff

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

Motion:
Commissioner McGill / Longstreet to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and approve Cork Oak, Island Oak, and Coast Live Oak as co-designations for Borton Road, Murrell Road, and Linda Road.

Vote:
Unanimous voice vote (5/0)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

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

Documents:

-Staff Report dated December 15, 2021

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 scheduled maintenance closure of the Los Baños del Mar Pool and turf renovations at Dwight Murphy Field, Ortega Park, MacKenzie Park, and Pershing Park. Director Zachary then reported on the status of several grants the Department applied for to support various projects.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

6. Subject: Advisory Committee Interviews and Appointments – For Action (Attachments)

Documents:

-Staff Report dated December 15, 2021

Speakers:

-Kristen LaBonte

-Greg Chittick

-Larry Saltzman

-Joanne Payne

-Steve Jesson

-Duke McPherson

-Bruce Reed

-Maury Treman

Recommendation: That the Commission hold interviews and make appointments to the Golf Advisory Committee, Integrated Pest Management Advisory Committee, and Street Tree Advisory Committee.

The Commission interviewed applicants for the Integrated Pest Management Advisory Committee and made the following motion.

Motion:

Commissioner Longstreet / Clark to reappoint Gregg Chittick, Kristen LaBonte, and Lawrence Saltzman to the Integrated Pest Management Advisory Committee.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (5/0)

The Commission interviewed applicants for the Golf Advisory Committee and made the following motion.

Motion:

Commissioner McGill / Feck to reappoint Joanne Payne and appoint Steve Jesson to the Golf Advisory Committee.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (5/0)

The Commission interviewed applicants for the Street Tree Advisory Committee and made the following motion.

Motion:

Commissioner Clark / Longstreet to reappoint Duke McPherson, Bruce Reed, and Maury Treman to the Street Tree Advisory Committee.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (5/0)

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:01 pm, with no further business to be addressed by the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Zachary,
Parks and Recreation Director