



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

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, October 26, 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  
Vice Chair Evelyn Feck  
Commissioner Sebastian Aldana  
Commissioner Nichol Clark  
Commissioner Beebe Longstreet  
Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jazmin LeBlanc  
Urban Forest Superintendent Nathan Slack  
Administrative Assistant Rose Nevarez

**Commissioners Absent**

Commissioner Jacob Lesner-Buxton  
Commissioner Robin Unander-LaBerge

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

- A. Changes to the Agenda – None
- B. Written Public Comment – None
- C. Public Comment – None
- D. Youth Council Report

Youth Council Member Tiago Eckstein reported the Youth Council participated in a beach cleanup at Hendry's Beach during Santa Barbara Creek Week, submitted an application to the Fund for Santa Barbara Youth Making Change grant to lead a series of workshops on community issues, and compiled useful links to November election materials and resources and shared them on Instagram to encourage people to vote in the election. They are preparing to participate in Trunk or Treat on Oct 28 at the Spencer Adams parking lot in collaboration with the SB Police Activities League and will receive a presentation on tobacco prevention from SB County.

The Commission received the report and their questions were answered.

E. Commissioner Committee Assignment Reports

Commissioner Longstreet attended and reported on the Golf Advisory Committee meeting.

Chair McGill attended and reported on the De La Guerra Plaza Revitalization Design Advisory Committee Arts and Culture Subcommittee meeting.

F. Commission And Staff Communications

### **CEREMONIAL ITEMS**

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

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jazmin LeBlanc recognized Ricardo Venegas, Neighborhood Outreach Services Coordinator, for 25 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 28, 2022.

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Longstreet / Aldana to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 22, 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 October 26, 2022
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Urban Forest Superintendent Nathan Slack
- Public Speaker Dawn McGrew (Item 4.B.1.)
- Public Speaker Andrew Sheppard (Item 4.B.2.)
- Public Speaker Analise Dullen (Item 4.D.2.)
- Public Speaker Ashley Farrell (Item 4.D.2.)
- Public Speaker Todd Yuba (Item 4.D.2.)
- Public Speaker Chris Joyce (Item 4.D.2.)

Recommendation: That the Commission:

A. Conditionally approve the following street tree removal request:

1. 1226 Hutash Street – *Archontophoenix cunninghamiana*, King Palm – Sandra Lugo

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 removal on the condition the applicant replace with a new designated street tree.**

**Vote:**

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

B. Deny the following street tree removal requests:

1. 106 San Rafael Avenue – *Ficus benjamina*, Weeping Fig – Dawn McGrew

The Commission received the report, listened to testimony, 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:**

**Majority voice vote (4/1) (Nay: Aldana)**

2. 745 Dolores Drive – *Ficus microcarpa*, Indian Laurel Fig – Andrew Sheppard

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 deny the removal without prejudice.**

**Revised Motion:**

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

**Vote:**

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

C. Approve the following setback tree removal request:

1. 211 Via Sevilla – *Ficus microcarpa*, Indian Laurel Fig – Gail Gorton

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, as pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090, the character of the immediate neighborhood with respect to forestation will not be materially affected by the removal.**

**Vote:**

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

D. Conditionally approve the following setback tree removal request:

1. 200 N. La Cumbre Road – (5) *Cupaniopsis anacardioides*, Carrot Wood, (1) *Afrocarpus falcatus*, Fern Pine, and (2) *Jacaranda mimosifolia*, Jacaranda – Jianhua Chen

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 replacement trees as proposed on the application are planted, as pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090, a reasonable and practical development of the property on which the trees are located requires their removal.**

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

2. 2131 Red Rose Way – *Araucaria heterophylla*, Norfolk Island Pine – Chris Joyce

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

**Motion:**  
**Commissioner McGill / Longstreet to deny the removal.**

**Revised Motion:**  
**Commissioner McGill / Longstreet to deny the removal without prejudice.**

**Vote:**  
**Majority voice vote (3/2) (Nay: Aldana/Feck)**

3. 917 Alphonse Street – *Robinia pseudoacacia*, Black Locust – Veronica Wynn

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 removal on the condition they be replaced with two new trees as proposed on the application, as pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090, principles of good forest management will be best served by the removal.**

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

E. Deny the following setback tree removal request:

1. 1212 Punta Gorda Street – *Cedrus deodara*, Deodar Cedar – Ricardo Frustockl

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

**Motion:**  
**Commissioner Aldana / Feck 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 change to the Street Tree Master Plan:

1. 500-700 blocks of N. Voluntario Street – request for species designation change – Staff

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 approve Pearl Acacia, Water Gum, and Bailey Acacia as designations for the 500-700 blocks of N. Voluntario Street.**

**Vote:**

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

## **ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS**

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

Documents:

- Staff Report dated October 26, 2022

Speaker:

- 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 the Department's Santa Barbara Arts Alliance Program received a Creating Community Award of Excellence, the annual Adapted Thanksgiving Luncheon will take place on November 23 at the Westside Community Center, and on future tentative Commission agenda items.

The Commissioners received the report and their questions were answered.

### **6. Subject: Urban Forestry Program – Work Plan Goals and Objectives for Fiscal Year 2023 – For Information (Attachment)**

Documents:

- Staff Report dated October 26, 2022
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speaker:

-Urban Forest Superintendent Nathan Slack

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a presentation from staff on the Parks and Recreation Department's programs and services, including sources of funding, expenditure analysis, and other operational topics.

Urban Forest Superintendent Nathan Slack gave background and an overview of the Urban Forest Management Plan. He then described the four key objectives selected by Urban Forestry staff as work plan goals for Fiscal Year 2023 and specific action items within each objective, which are in addition to normal tree maintenance activities.

The Commissioners received the report, and their questions were answered.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:12 pm, with no further business to be addressed by the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jazmin LeBlanc,  
Assistant Parks and Recreation Director