



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

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

**Wednesday, June 28, 2023
Council Chamber, 735 Anacapa Street**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kathy McGill called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners and Staff Present

Chair Kathy McGill
Vice Chair Evelyn Feck
Commissioner Sebastian Aldana
Commissioner Jeffrey Chang
Commissioner Jacob Lesner-Buxton
Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jazmin LeBlanc
Urban Forest Superintendent Nathan Slack
Capital Projects Supervisor Justin Van Mullem
Project Planner Sean Stewart
Project Engineer Keven Strasburg
Administrative Assistant Caitlin Lam

Commissioners Absent

Commissioner Nicole Clark
Commissioner Robin Unander-La Berge

GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Changes to the Agenda – None
- B. Written Public Comment – None
- C. Public Comment – Brandon Miller
- D. Commissioner Committee Assignment Reports

Commissioner Chang attended and reported on the Golf Advisory Committee meeting on June 14.

Chair McGill attended and reported on the Special Council Meeting regarding the Parks & Recreation Department budget on May 25 and the PARC Foundation Board Meeting on June 21.

E. Commission and Staff Communications – None

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. Subject: Employee Recognition – Service Award Pins

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jazmin LeBlanc recognized Simon Herrera, Parks Manager, for 10 years of service.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

The Commissioners received the report.

3. Subject: Minutes – For Action (Attachment)

Recommendation: That the Commission waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 24, 2023.

Motion:

Commissioner Feck / Aldana to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 24, 2023.

Vote:

Majority vote (4/0/1) (Abstain: Chang)

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 June 28, 2023
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Urban Forest Superintendent Nathan Slack

Recommendation: That the Commission:

- A. Approve the following street tree removal request:

1. 2500 Macaw Avenue (Las Positas/Stanley Ave Intersection) – (2) *Eucalyptus species*, Eucalyptus, (1) *Quercus agrifolia*, Coast Live Oak, and (1) *Tristaniopsis laurina*, Water Gum – Faris Sanjakdar, City of Santa Barbara, Public Works

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

Motion:

Commissioner McGill / Feck to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and approve the project as proposed.

Vote:

Unanimous vote (5/0)

- B. Partially approve the following street tree removal request:

1. 3230 Lucinda Lane – (3) *Pinus halepensis*, Aleppo Pine – Raymond Chan

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 approve removal of the tree closest to the driveway apron and deny removal of the other two Aleppo Pines.

Vote:

Unanimous vote (5/0)

- C. Conditionally approve the following setback tree removal request:

1. 505 Owen Road – *Eucalyptus globulus*, Blue Gum – Thomas Dent

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

Motion:

Commissioner Feck / Aldana to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and approve the removal on the condition the applicant replace with a new tree that can achieve a minimum height of 30 feet at maturity, as pursuant to SBMC 15.24.090, principles of good forest management will be best served by the removal.

Vote:

Majority vote (4/0/1) (Abstain: Chang)

D. Deny the following setback tree removal request:

1. 1759 Prospect Avenue – *Ficus macrocarpa*, Indian Laurel Fig – Ernest Perevoski

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

Motion:

Commissioner Aldana / Lesner-Buxton to approve the removal.

Vote:

Majority vote (4/1) (Nay: Chang)

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

1. 100-400 blocks of S. Milpas Street – Designation Change – STAC

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

Motion:

Commissioner McGill / Feck to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and designate *Metrosideros excelsa*, New Zealand Christmas Tree, *Handroanthus chrysotrichus*, Golden Trumpet Tree, *Markhamia lutea*, Gold Markhamia, and *Eucalyptus x torwood*, Torwood Gum, for the 100-400 blocks of South Milpas Street.

Vote:

Unanimous vote (5/0)

2. 300-1100 blocks of Shoreline Drive – Staff

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 designate *Brahea edulis*, Guadalupe Palm, *Butia capitata*, Pindo Palm, *Howea forsteriana*, Kentia Palm, *Trachycarpus fortunei*, Windmill Palm, *Livistona chinensis*, Chinese Fan Palm, *Livistona australis*, Australia Cabbage Palm, and *Jubaea chilensis*, Chilean Wine Palm, for the 300-1100 blocks of Shoreline Drive.

Vote:

Unanimous vote (5/0)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

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

Documents:

- Staff Report dated June 28, 2023

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 trail volunteer work day in observation of National Trail Day on June 10, Open Space Park Vegetation Management, Summer Nights, and the City Council's approval of the Parks and Recreation Department Financial Plan for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025.

The Commissioners received the report and their questions were answered.

6. Subject: Capital Projects Update – For Information (Attachment)

Documents:

- Staff Report dated June 28, 2023
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Capital Projects Supervisor Justin Van Mullem
- Project Planner Sean Stewart
- Project Engineer Keven Strasburg

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a presentation on Capital Projects Update.

Project Planner Sean Stewart reported on Parque des los Niños Fitness Equipment and Site Improvements. Project Engineer Keven Strasburg reported on renovations to the Alameda Plaza Bandstand and Eastside Neighborhood Park. Capital Projects Supervisor Justin Van Mullem reported on renovations to the Plaza del Mar Band Shell, Casa Las Palmas Arbor, Carrillo Gym, and Louise Lowry Davis Center.

The Commissioners received the report and their questions were answered.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:39 pm, with no further business to be addressed by the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jazmin LeBlanc,
Assistant Parks and Recreation Director