



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

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, May 22, 2024
Council Chamber, 735 Anacapa Street**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Evelyn Feck called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners and Staff Present

Chair Evelyn Feck
Vice Chair Kathy McGill
Commissioner Sebastian Aldana
Commissioner Jeffrey Chang
Commissioner Jacob Lesner-Buxton
Commissioner Unander-LaBerge
Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary
Urban Forest Superintendent Nathan Slack
Administrative Assistant Courtney Carlson

Commissioners Absent

Commissioner Nichol Clark

GENERAL BUSINESS

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

Youth Council Treasurer Jeremy Solano Beltran reported on the April 13, 2024, Youth Speak Out, thanking their adult allies and guest speakers for continuing to put the youth's voice forward. Youth Council member Kavya Suresh reported on the recent close of Youth Council's recruitment cycle for the spring of 2024. Youth Council will be offering non-voting member spots for younger members looking to take action in the community at the junior high level. Finally, she announced that with the passing of the safe firearm ordinance, Youth Council is continuing to team with the Police Department and Moms Demand Action and will host a free gun lock

giveaway on Saturday, June 1st from 11am to 1pm at the Franklin Neighborhood Center.

- E. Commissioner Committee Assignment Reports – None
- F. Commission and Staff Communications – Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary acknowledged the email and memo she sent to the Commission and City Council regarding the Italian Stone Pines on Anapamu. The matter will return to the Commission with more information at a later date.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Subject: Minutes – For Action (Attachment)

Recommendation: That the Commission:

- A. Waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 24, 2024

Motion:

Commissioner McGill / Chang to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 24, 2024.

Vote:

Unanimous vote (6/0)

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.

3. Subject: Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations – For Action (Attachments)

Documents:

- Staff Report dated April 24, 2024
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Urban Forest Superintendent Nathan Slack
- Victor Beltran (3.A.2.)

Recommendation: That the Commission:

A. Conditionally approve the following setback tree removal requests:

1. 240 Alameda Padre Serra – *Eucalyptus globulus*, Tasmanian Blue Gum – Lesheena Lopez

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 setback tree removal of the *Eucalyptus globulus*, Tasmanian Blue Gum at 240 Alameda Padre Serra on the condition that the applicant replace with another tree on the property that can achieve 30 feet in height at maturity. Based on the finding that the character of the immediate neighborhood with respect to forestation will not be materially affected by the proposed removal.

Vote:

Majority Vote (5/1) (Nay: McGill)

2. 902 Nopal Street – *Tipuana tipu*, Tipu Tree – Victor Beltran

The Commission received the report, they listened to testimony, 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 setback tree removal of the *Tipuana tipu*, Tipu Tree at 902 Nopal Street, on the condition that the applicant plant a replacement tree, either setback or street, that can achieve 20 feet in height at maturity. If the replacement tree is in the street, the applicant agrees to pay all costs and provide all care for the tree for 24 months. Based on the finding that principles of good forest management will be best served by the proposed removal.

Vote:

Unanimous vote (6/0)

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

1. 500-700 blocks of N. Salsipuedes Street – modify existing designation – Justin Manuel

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

Motion:

Commissioner McGill / Chang to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations and approve removing Canary Island Pine and Purple-Leaf Cherry Plum as current designations and approve *Lophostemon confertus*, Brisbane Box and *Chilopsis linearis*, Desert Willow for the 500-600 blocks of N. Salsipuedes Street and *Chilopsis linearis*, Desert Willow and *Arbutus 'Marina'*, Marina Madrone for the 700 block of N. Salsipuedes Street.

Vote:

Unanimous vote (6/0)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

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

Documents:

-Staff Report dated May 22, 2024

Speakers:

-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 recent and upcoming Trail Maintenance Days, the upcoming Concerts in the Park, and the upcoming Seasonal Pool Openings.

The Commissioners received the report.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:44 p.m., with no further business to be addressed by the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Zachary,
Parks and Recreation Director