



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

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

**Wednesday, June 26, 2024
Council Chamber, 735 Anacapa Street**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Evelyn Feck called the meeting to order at 4:03 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
Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Jazmin LeBlanc
Urban Forest Superintendent Nathan Slack
Parks Supervisor Todd Newell
City Programs Intern IV Samantha Carrillo Garcia
City Programs Intern IV John Stonecipher
Administrative Assistant Courtney Carlson
Administrative Assistant Daisy Hernandez

Commissioners Absent

Commissioner Nichol Clark
Commissioner Robin Unander-LaBerge

GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Changes to the Agenda – Item 06 was moved towards the beginning of the agenda after Consent Items 3A and 3B.
- B. Written Public Comment – Kathleen Modugno
- C. Public Comment – None
- D. Commissioner Committee Assignment Reports
Vice Chair McGill reported on the Douglas Family Preserve Community meeting on June 5. Chair Feck reported that she is stepping down from her position on the Commission and that June 26, 2024 is her last meeting.
- E. Commission and Staff Communications – None

Agenda Item: 2

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. Subject: Employee Recognition – Service Award Pins

Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Jazmin LeBlanc recognized Recreation Supervisor Vincent Savelich for 5 years of service and Capital Projects Supervisor Justin Van Mullem for 10 years of service.

CONSENT ITEMS

2. Summary of Council Actions – For Information

3. Subject: Minutes – For Action (Attachment)

Recommendation: That the Commission:

- A. Waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 22, 2024
- B. Waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 22, 2024

Motion:

Commissioner McGill / Chang to approve the minutes of the Regular and Special Meetings of May 22, 2024.

Vote:

Unanimous 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 June 26, 2024
- Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Urban Forest Superintendent Nathan Slack
- Scott Burns (4.A.1)
- John Stockton (4.B.1)

Recommendation: That the Commission:

A. Conditionally approve the following setback tree removal requests:

1. 628 Willowglen Road – *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palm – W. Scott Burns

The Commission received the report, they listened to testimony, and the following action was taken:

Motion:

Commissioner Chang / Aldana to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and approve the setback tree removal of the Mexican Fan Palm at 628 Willowglen Road on the condition that the applicant plant a new tree capable of reaching 25 feet 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:

Unanimous vote (5/0)

2. 2501 Medcliff Road – *Schinus terebinthifolius*, Brazilian Pepper – Guillaume de Zwirek

The Commission received the report, and the following action was taken:

Motion:

Commissioner Aldana / Feck to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and approve the setback tree removal of the Brazilian Pepper at 2501 Medcliff Road on the condition that the applicant plant a new tree capable of reaching 30 feet 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:

Unanimous vote (5/0)

3. 504 Owen Road – *Pinus pinea*, Italian Stone Pine – Kathleen Peterson

The Commission received the report, and the following action was taken:

Motion:

Commissioner McGill / Aldana to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and approve the setback tree removal of the Italian Stone Pine at 504 Owen Road, on the

condition that the applicant plant a replacement tree that can achieve 30 feet in height at maturity. Based on the finding that principles of good forest management will be best served by the proposed removal.

Vote:

Unanimous vote (5/0)

B. Partially approve the following setback tree removal requests:

1. 535 Arroyo Avenue – (1) *Araucaria columnaris*, Cook Pine, and (1) *Hesperocyparis macrocarpa*, Monterey Cypress – Jaclyn Guerrero

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

Motion:

Commissioner McGill / Chang to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and approve the removal of the Cook Pine on the condition the applicant plant a new tree that can achieve a mature height of 20 feet and deny the removal of the Monterey Cypress without prejudice to allow the applicant to return with more detailed information to support the removal. Based on the finding that principles of good forest management will be best served by the proposed removal.

Vote:

Unanimous vote (5/0)

C. Deny the following setback tree removal requests:

1. 1403 Portesuello Avenue – *Cedrus deodara*, Deodar Cedar – John Keller

The Commission received the report, and the following action was taken:

Motion:

Commissioner Chang / Aldana to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and deny the removal of the Deodar Cedar.

Vote:

Unanimous vote (5/0)

2. 1616 Hillside Road – *Liquidambar styraciflua*, American Sweetgum – Christopher Vigilante

The Commission received the report, and the following action was taken:

Motion:

Commissioner Aldana / Feck to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and deny the removal of the American Sweetgum.

Vote:

Unanimous vote (5/0)

3. 2025 Red Rose Way – (2) *Pinus radiata*, Monterey Pine – Gerda Magdalena

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

Motion:

Commissioner Aldana / Chang to mostly concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and deny without prejudice the removal of the Monterey Pine to allow the applicant to return with more detailed information to support the removal.

Vote:

Unanimous vote (5/0)

4. 3091 Calle Rosales – *Cedrus deodara*, Deodar Cedar – Michael Giuffrida

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

Motion:

Commissioner Chang / Feck to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation and deny the removal of the Deodar Cedar.

Vote:

Majority Vote (4/1) (Nay: McGill)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

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

Documents:

-Staff Report dated June 26, 2024

Speakers:

-Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Jazmin LeBlanc

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a presentation on the status of the various Parks and Recreation Department initiatives and activities.

Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Jazmin LeBlanc reported on the recent Trail Maintenance Day at San Ysidro Trail, the upcoming Junior Lifeguard Fiesta Competition, the upcoming 4th of July Celebration, the upcoming Children's Fiesta Parade, and the upcoming Semana Nautica.

The Commissioners received the report.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

6. Subject: Golf Advisory Committee Interview and Appointment – For Action

Documents:

-Staff Report dated June 26, 2024

Speakers:

-Sherry Dean

Recommendation: That the Commission hold an interview and make an appointment to the Golf Advisory Committee.

The Commission interviewed the applicant for the Golf Advisory Committee and the following action was taken:

Motion:

Commissioner McGill / Feck to appoint Sherry Dean to the Golf Advisory Committee.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (5/0)

7. Subject: Asset Inventory Presentation – For Information

Documents:

-Staff PowerPoint presented by Staff

Speakers:

- Parks Supervisor Todd Newell
- City Programs Intern IV Samantha Carrillo Garcia
- City Programs Intern IV John Stonecipher

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a report on the Asset Inventory Project to catalog and map all Parks and Recreation Department park and facility assets.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:38 p.m., with no further business to be addressed by the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jazmin LeBlanc,
Parks and Recreation Assistant Director