



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Street Tree Committee
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, December 2, 2010
Parks Lunch Room
402 E. Ortega Street
8:30 a.m.

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER 8:32 AM
2. ROLL CALL
Members present: Ricardo Castellanos, Maury Treman, Karen Christman
Staff present: Randy Fritz, Tim Downey, Patty Herrera, Lisa Arroyo
P&R Commission Liaison present: Lesley Wiscomb
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A. Regular Meeting, November 4, 2010 – Approved.

Member Maury Treman moved, seconded by Karen Christman that the November 4, 2010 Minutes be approved as presented, passed 3/0.

4. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
 1. Take 300 block of W. Ortega St. after Member and Staff Communication.
 2. Maury Treman would like to postpone the following: (2) items in the Street Tree Master Plan and Old Business until other members are present. Street Tree Master Plan (1.) 1000 – 1300 block of Chapala St. – consider change to designated species and (3.) 3000 block of De La Vina St. – consider change to designated species; Old Business (A.) Upper State St. – consider change to designated species and (B.) 2400 – 2900 De La Vina St. – change or designate additional species.

Member Maury Treman moved, seconded by Karen Christman to postpone Street Tree Master Plan numbers 1 & 3 and Old Business A & B, passed 3/0.

5. MEMBER AND STAFF COMMUNICATION
 - A. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION ACTIONS
 1. Tim updated STAC regarding the November Parks and Recreation Commission actions. Tim informed STAC that the Parks and Recreation Commission concurred with all of STAC recommendations except for one Parks and Recreation Commission approved all removals at 535 E. Montecito St.
 2. Tim updated STAC regarding Enforcement cases.
 3. Tim informed STAC he is considering a 3rd evening training on City Tree Regulations. STAC and Lesley Wiscomb shared they strongly recommend a 3rd training in the evening. Tim also informed STAC that a PowerPoint presentation of the City Tree Regulations training was available online.
6. PUBLIC COMMENT
None
7. NEW BUSINESS

A. TREE REMOVAL CONSIDERATIONS

STREET TREES

1. 300 block of W. Ortega St. – (2) *Eucalyptus ficifolia*, Red Flowering Gum, (1) *Quercus agrifolia*, Coast Live Oak – Lisa Arroyo, Public Works Engineering

Recommendation to approve

The Committee recommends that the Commission concur with the additional requests on the condition that rather than boxing and relocating trees numbered #4 and #5, new minimum 15-gallon Red Flowering Gum trees of 1.5" caliper be planted at the locations proposed by the applicant. The applicant will also replace trees numbered #1 and #2 with new minimum 15-gallon Red Flowering Gum trees of 1.5" caliper.

Member Karen Christman moved, seconded by Maury Treman that the Commission concur with the additional requests on the condition that rather than boxing and relocating trees numbered #4 and #5, new minimum 15-gallon Red Flowering Gum trees of 1.5" caliper be planted at the locations proposed by the applicant. The applicant will also replace trees numbered #1 and #2 with new minimum 15-gallon Red Flowering Gum trees of 1.5" caliper, passed 3/0.

SETBACK TREES

1. 1637 Loma St. – *Pinus halepensis*, Aleppo Pine – Arbor Services

Recommendation to approve

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the removal. The Committee and staff determined this tree is too large for this location, other trees in the area provide ample shade, and the tree will get much larger than it is now causing significant damage.

Member Maury Treman moved, seconded by Ricardo Castellanos that the Commission approve the removal, passed 2/0/1. Member Karen Christman abstained.

2. 1704 Mission Ridge Rd. – *Phoenix canariensis*, Canary Island Date Palm – Michael Cooper

Recommendation to deny

The Committee recommends that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee and staff determined that the reasons provided by the applicant are not sufficient to justify removal.

Member Maury Treman moved, seconded by Karen Christman that the Commission deny the removal, passed 3/0.

B. STREET TREE MASTER PLAN

1. 1000 – 1300 block of Chapala St. – consider change to designated species

The Committee recommends postponing item until other Members are present.

Member Maury Treman moved, seconded by Karen Christman to postpone item until other Members are present. passed 3/0.

2. Loma St. (all 3 blocks) – add an alternate species

The Committee recommends that the Commission co-designate *Tabebuia chrysostricha*, Golden Trumpet Tree as an additional species.

Member Maury Treman moved, seconded by Karen Christman to co-designate *Tabebuia chrysostricha*, Golden Trumpet Tree as an additional species, passed 3/0.

3. 3000 block of De La Vina St. – consider change to designated species

The Committee recommends postponing item until other Members are present.

Member Maury Treman moved, seconded by Karen Christman to postpone item until other Members are present. passed 3/0.

4. 300 block of W. Calle Cesar Chavez – change the designated species

The Committee recommends that the Commission change the designated species from *Magnolia 'Little Gem'*, Little Gem Magnolia, to *Magnolia grandiflora 'Samuel Sommers'*, Samuel Sommers Magnolia as designated species.

Member Karen Christman moved, seconded by Maury Treman to change the designated species from *Magnolia 'Little Gem'*, Little Gem Magnolia, to *Magnolia grandiflora 'Samuel Sommers'*, Samuel Sommers Magnolia as designated species, passed 2/0/1. Member Ricardo Castellanos abstained.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Upper State St. – street tree designation
B. 2400 – 2900 De La Vina St. – change or designate additional species

Member Maury Treman moved, seconded by Karen Christman to postpone Street Tree Master Plan numbers 1 & 3 and Old Business A & B, passed 3/0.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM

Member Maury Treman moved, seconded by Karen Christman to adjourn meeting, passed 3/0.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Downey, Urban Forest Superintendent

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