



**City of Santa Barbara
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**Special Meeting
Park and Recreation Commission**

Tuesday, September 5, 2006

Minutes

The Park and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Conner at 4:00 p.m. at 620 Laguna Street.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present

Ada Conner	Park & Recreation Commissioner
Beebe Longstreet	Park & Recreation Commissioner
Arnoldo Gonzalez	Park & Recreation Commissioner

Commissioners Absent

Steve Forsell	Park & Recreation Commissioner
Daraka Larimore-Hall	Park & Recreation Commissioner

Staff Present

Nancy Rapp	Parks & Recreation Director
Randy Fritz	Street Tree Inspector
Karla Megill	Executive Assistant

PUBLIC COMMENT - No one wished to speak.

1. Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations – For Action (Attachments)

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission concur with the recommendations of the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff and approve and/or deny the tree removal requests as indicated below.

A. Approve the following street tree removal request:

1. 325 Argonne Circle – *Ficus microcarpa nitida*'

Joseph Schultz spoke on behalf of the applicant. He explained the reasons for the tree removal request, saying the tree presents a safety hazard. He urged the Commission to approve the removal.

Commissioner Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez, and passed 3/0 that the Commission approve the removal of the Ficus microcarpa nitida located at 325 Argonne Circle.

2. 1232 Chino St. – *Eucalyptus ficifolia*
3. 523 Brinkerhoff Ave. – *Pinus canariensis*

Mr. George Ogle spoke in favor of removing this tree and the one next to it. He said that the tree next to the tree which is the subject of the removal request is diseased. Mr. Fritz indicated that the tree next to it has a fungus.

Ms. Caroline Vassallo spoke in favor of removing all of the Canary Island Pine trees on the block. She further said she would like to see Victorian style lighting on the street. Ms. Rapp advised Ms. Vassallo to have the neighbors draft a letter to Mr. Fritz outlining their issues and concerns, and Mr. Fritz could subsequently place the item on the Street Tree Advisory Committee agenda for consideration and discussion.

Commissioner Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez, and passed 3/0 that the Commission approve the removal of the *Pinus canariensis* located at 523 Brinkerhoff Avenue and that the planting matter be referred to the Street Tree Advisory Committee.

4. 1134 E. Gutierrez St. – *Ficus rubiginosa*

Commissioner Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez, and passed 3/0 that the Commission approve the removal of the trees identified in item 1A (2) & (4).

B. Deny the following setback tree removal requests:

1. 711 W. Cota St. – *Callistemon citrinus* (2)
2. 711 W. Cota St. – *Trachycarpus fortunei*

Commissioner Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez, and passed 3/0 that the Commission deny the removal of the trees identified in item 1B (1) & (2).

C. Approve the following setback tree removal requests:

1. 711 W. Cota St. – *Pinus canariensis*
2. 711 W. Cota St. – *Ficus benjamina* (6)

Commissioner Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez, and passed 3/0 that the Commission approve the removal of the trees identified in item 1C(1) & (2).

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:20 p.m., with no further business to come before the Commission,

Commissioner Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez, and passed 3/0 that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Rapp
Parks and Recreation Director