



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: June 25, 2008
TO: Park and Recreation Commission
FROM: Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department
SUBJECT: Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission:

A. Approve the following Street Tree removal request.

1. 100 Barranca Ave. – Bob Cunningham, ASLA/Arcadia Studio, Inc. – *Erythrina caffra*, Coral Tree

Justification: The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve the removal of this street tree and approve the replacements in the setback as proposed. The Committee and staff determined there is plenty of room for planting in the area and decided to recommend approval of the removal on the condition they replace with (3) *Metrosideros excelsa*, New Zealand Christmas trees in the setback.

2. 525 W. Los Olivos – William Hopper – *Platanus racemosa*, California Sycamore

Justification: The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve the removal. The Committee and staff determined that, due to the lean of the tree and the presence of decay, the safety of the tree may be compromised. Staff will replace the tree with the same species.

B. Approve the following Setback Tree removal request.

1. 100 Barranca Ave. – Bob Cunningham, ASLA/Arcadia Studio, Inc. – *Erythrina caffra*, Coral Tree

Justification: The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve the removal and approve the replacements as proposed. The Committee and staff determined there is plenty of room for planting in the area and decided to recommend approval of the removal on the condition they replace with (3) *Metrosideros excelsa*, New Zealand Christmas trees in the setback.

2. 647 Sea Ranch Dr. – Quality Tree Care, working for resident Matt Williams – (2) *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palms

Justification: The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve the removals. The Committee and staff determined the planter is too small for the size of the trunks of the palms and the damage would only get worse.

3. 2233 Stanwood Dr. – Susan Sherwin – (5) *Eucalyptus polyanthemos*, Silver Dollar Gum

Justification: The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve removal of the 5 trees on the application. 3 of the trees are located at the new driveway entrance. The Committee and staff determined these trees have been topped and the re-growth presents a likelihood of falling into the public street. The Committee and staff determined there are approximately an additional 25 Eucalyptus trees in the setback along Orizaba Lane with the same condition. The Committee and staff recommend approval of these 5 trees on the condition they also remove the remaining Eucalyptus trees in the setback along Orizaba Lane and replace with plants more appropriate for the site. The replacement plants should be chosen with consideration for the Fire Department list of plants not recommended in high fire zones.

4. 51 Hitchcock Way – Rob Young, Sansum Medical Clinic and Eric Halvorson, Action Tree – *Pinus halepensis*, Aleppo Pine

Justification: The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve the removal. The Committee and staff determined the removal of this tree would be appropriate if the damage it is causing is repaired. The Committee and staff recommend the removal be approved on the condition the applicant provides an approved set of plans or signed permits to repair the parking lot and sidewalk.

C. Deny the following Street Tree removal requests.

1. 225 Vista Del Mar Dr. – Jennifer and Norman Gardner – (2) *Syzygium paniculatum*, Brush Cherry

Justification: The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission deny the removals. The Committee and staff determined the trees are healthy and that the reasons for removal are not valid and do not justify removal.

2. 1230 Carpinteria St. – Phillip Emrich – *Melaleuca linariifolia*, Flaxleaf paperbark

Justification: The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee and staff determined the tree is healthy and that the reasons for removal are not valid and do not justify removal.

- ATTACHMENTS:**
1. 100 Barranca Ave.
 2. 525 W. Los Olivos
 3. 100 Barranca Ave.
 4. 647 Sea Ranch Dr.
 5. 2233 Stanwood Dr.
 6. 51 Hitchcock Way
 7. 225 Vista Del Mar Dr.
 8. 1230 Carpinteria St.

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