



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA**  
**PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT**

**AGENDA DATE:** December 17, 2008  
**TO:** Park and Recreation Commission  
**FROM:** Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department  
**SUBJECT:** Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations for Street Tree and Setback Tree Removal Applications

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Commission:

A. Approve the following Street Tree removal requests.

1. 201 W. Montecito St. – Shannon Brooker – *Cryptocarya rubra*, Red Laurel

The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve removal on the condition the applicant create a new tree well and attempt to find a Red Laurel for replacement, and if not successful, replace with a Little Gem Magnolia. The Committee and staff determined the location of the proposed driveway is the only available location and requires removal of the tree.

2. 414 Tallant Rd. – Keith and Michele Wenal – *Eucalyptus camaldulensis*, Red Gum

The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve the removal on the condition (2) *Lohostemon confertus* trees be planted as replacements. The Committee and staff determined the location and size of the tree is not appropriate, and it makes sound arboricultural sense to remove this tree.

B. Deny the following Street Tree removal requests.

1. 1514 Clearview Rd. – Ted Shrode – *Pinus canariensis*, Canary Island Pine

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

2. 457 Paseo del Descanso – Michele Gallagher – *Acacia melanoxylon*, Black Acacia

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

C. Approve the following Setback Tree removal requests.

1. 404 E. Padre St. – Richard I. McLaren – *Sequoia sempervirens*, Coast Redwood

The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve the removal. The Committee and staff determined the location is not appropriate for the size of the tree and because of the proximity to the power lines. The Committee and staff are concerned with continued damage to the wall and the possibility of the wall falling into public right-of-way. The Committee and staff determined it makes sound arboricultural sense to remove this tree.

2. 3059 Lucinda Ln. – Rick Holly/Action Tree – *Platanus racemosa*, California Sycamore

The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve the removal. The Committee and staff determined the location and size of the tree is not appropriate, and it makes sound arboricultural sense to remove this tree.

3. 1732 Santa Barbara St. – Rick Nash – (3) *Tipuana tipu*, Tipu and (1) *Podocarpus gracilior*, Fern Pine

The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve the removals on the condition the applicant provides a suitable landscape plan that shows adequate replacement trees. The Committee and staff determined the location is not appropriate for either the size of the Tipuana trees due to proximity to the wall, or the Podocarpus tree due to its proximity to the foundation of the home. The Committee and staff determined it makes sound arboricultural sense to remove these trees.

4. 1224 Diana Ln. – Jeanne Walker – *Tipuana tipu*, Tipu

The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve the removal. The Committee and staff determined the location is not appropriate for the size of the tree, that girdling roots would cause the tree to become hazardous as it grows, and it makes sound arboricultural sense to remove this tree.

5. 3509 Madrona Dr. – David and Kay Jones – *Ulmus parvifolia*, Chinese Elm **(continued from February 2008)**

The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve the removal. In February 2008, the Commission asked the applicant to submit landscape plans prior to receiving approval for tree removal. The applicant installed the landscape without developing plans. The Committee and staff determined the applicant's landscape was suitable.

- ATTACHMENTS:**
1. 201 W. Montecito St.
  2. 414 Tallant Rd.
  3. 1514 Clearview Rd.
  4. 457 Paseo del Descanso
  5. 404 E. Padre St.
  6. 3059 Lucinda Ln.
  7. 1732 Santa Barbara St.
  8. 1224 Diana Ln.
  9. 3509 Madrona Dr.

**PREPARED BY:** Tim Downey, Urban Forest Superintendent

**SUBMITTED BY:** Jill E. Zachary, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director

**APPROVED BY:** Nancy L. Rapp, Parks & Recreation Director