



City of Santa Barbara
Parks and Recreation Department
Memorandum

DATE: July 17, 2008
TO: Park and Recreation Commission
FROM: IPM Advisory Committee
SUBJECT: **Annual Advisory Committee Reports For Fiscal Year 2008**

Committee Members

Voting Members:

Eric Cardenas (term expires 12/31/08)
Oscar Carmona (term expires 12/31/09)
Greg Chittick (term expires 12/31/09)
Kristen LaBonte (term expires 12/31/09)
Corey Welles (term expires 12/31/09)

Park and Recreation Commission Liaison (Non-Voting):

Daraka Larimore-Hall

Appointment Process and Meeting Schedule

On January 23, 2008, Corey Welles was appointed as a PAAC representative.

Eric Cardenas continued in his role as Chair and Greg Chittick as Vice-Chair

Meetings are held quarterly, with special meetings called as necessary. The Committee met bi-monthly

The Committee held four regular meetings and two special meetings between July 2007 and June 2008.

Member Representation

3 - Community At-Large – Oscar Carmona, Greg Chittick, Kristen LaBonte
1 – Environmental Defense Center – Eric Cardenas
1 - Pesticide Awareness and Alternatives Coalition (PAAC): Corey Welles

Committee Projects/Activities

- ❖ Advisory Committee assistance (monitoring and counting) with squirrel overpopulation problem at Shoreline Park.
- ❖ Toured Shoreline Park, Waterfront/Harbor areas, and the Moreton Bay Fig Tree.
- ❖ Attended State IPM Innovator Awards Ceremony in Sacramento to receive State IPM Innovator Award from the California Department of Pesticide Regulation.
- ❖ Worked with Parks staff and consultants on health of Moreton Bay Fig Tree.
- ❖ Participated on County IPM Focus Group.
- ❖ Spoke at Santa Barbara Horticultural Society – “Transition from Traditional System to Microbiological System”.
- ❖ Began discussions with Councilmembers regarding a possible pesticide exchange program that could be held in concert with existing community events/efforts such as Looking Good Santa Barbara’s clean-ups.

Recommendations

- ❖ Recommended approval of IPM 2007 Annual Report to Council.

Concerns

- ❖ The Committee continues to stay informed of larger State issues which could have impacts here locally, and;
 - Testified at State hearing about the need for better coordination with local entities and a better and more communicative response from the State regarding the invasive pest Oriental Fruit Fly.
 - Attended State hearing regarding invasive pest Light Brown Apple Moth.