



## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** November 20, 2013

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department

**SUBJECT:** Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Commission:

A. Conditionally approve the following Street Tree removal requests:

1. 1600 State St. – (3) *Stenocarpus sinuatus*, Firewheel Trees – Martha Degasis with Arcadia Studio

The Committee determined that the replacement of these trees would be a benefit to the urban forest. The existing trees are in poor health. The Committee recommends (3/0) that the Commission approve the removals on the condition applicant replace with three designated street trees as proposed.

B. Conditionally approve the following Street Tree and Setback Tree removal requests:

1. 2230 Cliff Dr. – (3) *Yucca elephantipes*, Giant Yucca (street trees), (8) *Yucca elephantipes*, Giant Yucca (setback trees), and (1) *Fraxinus uhdei*, Shamel Ash (setback tree) – Martha Degasis with Arcadia Studio

The Committee determined that the removal of these trees, along with the new proposed street trees, would be a benefit to the neighborhood. This is due to the poor condition of the Yucca street trees, and the proximity of the remaining trees to the public sidewalk. The Committee recommends (3/0) that the Commission approve the removal of the (3) *Yucca elephantipes*, Giant Yucca street trees, (8) *Yucca elephantipes*, Giant Yucca setback trees and (1) *Fraxinus uhdei*, Shamel Ash setback tree on the condition applicant replace with designated street trees as proposed.

C. Partially approve the following Setback Tree removal request.

1. 1721 Lasuen Rd. – (2) *Pinus pinea*, Italian Stone Pine – Joan C. McKay

The Committee recommends removal of the tree closest to the driveway due to the poor structure of the tree, and the benefits another setback tree will receive from the removal. The Committee determined the removal of the second tree would have a negative material impact on the immediate neighborhood because the tree is healthy and the structure is not compromised like the other tree. The Committee recommends (3/0) that the Commission approve the removal of the (1) *Pinus pinea*, Italian Stone Pine closest to the driveway, and deny the other *Pinus pinea*, Italian Stone Pine.

D. Deny the following change to the Street Tree Master Plan:

1. 200-300, 3000 blocks of Samarkand Dr. – consider *Stenocarpus sinuatus*, Firewheel Tree as a co-designation – Janis Ristow

The Committee determined the Fire Wheel Tree is rather small for the parkways and it would not perform well in the existing soil conditions on Samarkand. They further determined the *Lophostemon confertus*, Brisbane Box Tree is doing well in the area. The Committee recommends (3/0) that the Commission deny the request to change the designated species to *Stenocarpus sinuatus*, Fire Wheel Tree.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 1600 State St.
2. 2230 Cliff Dr.
3. 1721 Lasuen Rd.
4. 200-300, 3000 blocks of Samarkand Dr.

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