



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

Wednesday, May 22, 2013

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. at City Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chair Wiscomb

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners & Staff Present

Commissioner Megan Alley
Commissioner Chris Casebeer
Commissioner Nicolas Ferrara
Commissioner Christina Gonzalez
Commissioner Beebe Longstreet
Commissioner Charlie Trentacosti
Commissioner Lesley Wiscomb
Parks & Recreation Youth Intern Kate Yee
Parks & Recreation Director Nancy Rapp
Asst. Parks & Recreation Director Jill Zachary
Recreation Programs Manager Judith McCaffrey
Recreation Programs Manager Sarah Hanna
Parks Manager Santos Escobar, Jr.
Urban Forest Superintendent Timothy Downey
Executive Assistant Karla Megill
Recreation Supervisor Terry Brown
Recreation Coordinator Bill Bettinger
Recreation Specialist Anita Ho

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: Chair Wiscomb advised that the Youth Council Report would be provided prior to Public Council as Intern Yee needs to leave to conduct Santa Barbara Youth Council interviews. Ms. Rapp requested that agenda item 6, Proposed Fiscal Year 2014 – 2015 Proposed Budget, be addressed prior to item 4, Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations, as Mr. Alvarado needs to attend the Neighborhood Advisory Council meeting.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT: Youth Intern Kate Yee provided this report.

Intern Yee departed at 4:07 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Speakers: Mr. Gene Tyburn;

Mr. Ortiz, United Way, recognized the efforts of two City employees. Mark M. Alvarado, Neighborhood and Outreach Services, was presented with the Community Impact Individual of the Year Award, for his work in opening City of Santa Barbara Centers, which allowed disadvantaged City residents to receive support and assistance in the form of education, financial stability, and health care. Santos Escobar, Parks Manager, was presented with an Individual of the Year Award for his work on the improvement of Bohnett Park.

COMMUNITY SERVICE RECOGNITION

1. Recognition of Youth from the Healthy Options for Teen Culinary Arts Program – For Action

Recommendation: That the Commission recognize Alexander Ortiz, Angelica Luisjuan, Christian Peralta, Jesus Loeza, Josh Orsdel, Julissa Zarate, Luis Martinez, Pilar Broussard, Ricardo Maldonado and Ruben Labarico from the Teen Culinary Arts Program.

Documents:

- Staff Report
- Staff PowerPoint

Speakers:

- Staff: Anito Ho, Recreation Specialist

The Commission recognized the outstanding service of Chef Ernie Price, Pilar Broussard, Ruben Labarico, Jesus Loeza, Angelica Luisjuan, Ricardo Maldonado, Esmeralda Manahua, Josh Orsdel, Alexander Ortiz, Christian Peralta, and Julissa Zarate and presented them with certificates of appreciation.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS:

Commissioner Alley reported on the Parks and Recreation Community (PARC) Foundation fundraiser. She also reported on the activities of the Neighborhood Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Ferrara reported on the activities of the Creeks Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Longstreet reported on the activities of the Neighborhood Advisory Council. She further reported on the activities of Parks and Recreation Community (PARC) Foundation.

Commissioner Casebeer reported on the activities of the Arts and Crafts Show Advisory Committee. He further briefed on the Santa Barbara Athletic Round Table Banquet.

Commissioner Gonzalez reported that she attended a youth soccer game at Dwight Murphy Field and praised the department programs.

Commissioner Trentacosti said he attended the PARC fundraiser and said it was exceptional.

Chair Wiscomb reported on the activities of the Street Tree Advisory Committee. She also reported on the Urban Forest Management Plan Technical Advisory Committee. Ms. Wiscomb

said she attended the Youth Awards banquet and said it was a great event. She further said she attended the Special Council Budget Worksession where the Parks and Recreation Budget was presented made the case for the comments in the Commission's memorandum to the City Council. She said also attended the United Way Annual Awards event where Mr. Alvarado and Mr. Escobar received their awards. Ms. Wiscomb reported that she and Ms. Longstreet attended the PARC Foundation meeting today.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS: Chair Wiscomb announced the Commissioner Gonzalez is leaving the Commission. Commissioners expressed their appreciation for her contributions.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

2. Summary of Council Actions – For Information

The Commission received the Summary of Council Actions. They had no questions.

3. Approval of Minutes – For Action

Recommendation: That the Commission waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 24, 2013.

Commissioner Ferrara moved, seconded by Commissioner Trentacosti, and passed 7/0 to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 24, 2013.

STREET TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ITEMS:

Any action of the Parks and Recreation Commission made pursuant to Municipal Code Chapter 15.24, Preservation of Trees, may be appealed to the City Council within ten days.

4. Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendation – For Action

Documents:

- Staff Report
- Staff PowerPoint

Speakers:

- Staff: Tim Downey, Urban Forest Superintendent
- Members of the Public: Item 4B(1) – Sandy Moss

Recommendation: That the Commission

- A. Conditionally approve the following Setback Tree removal request.
 1. 1349 Portesuello Ave. – (2) Tipuana tipu, Tipu – Amanda Bacon

Commissioner Casebeer moved, seconded by Commissioner Longstreet, and passed 7/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation to approve the removal of the setback tree at 1349 Portesuelo Avenue on the condition the owner replace with one Olive tree.

- B. Partially approve the following Setback Tree removal request.
1. 212 E. Mission St. – (1) Cinnamomum camphora, Camphor Tree, (1) Betula pendula, European White Birch – Sandra Moss

Commissioner Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Ferrara, and passed 7/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee approve the removal of the Camphor tree at 212 E. Mission Street and that the homeowner be aware the City Arborist will be onsite at construction to observe the construction and determine the safety of the Birch Tree.

- C. Consider the following co- designations.
1. 200 block of W. Cota St. – consider an additional species

Commissioner Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Alley, and passed 7/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation for a species change in the 200 block of West Cota to those trees.

2. 200 block of W. Canon Perdido St. – consider Afrocarpus gracilior, African Fern Pine as co-designation

Commissioner Trentacosti moved, seconded by Commissioner Ferrara, and passed 7/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation to co-designate the African Fern Pine to the 200 block of West Canon Perdido Street.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORT:

5. Sports, Play and Active Recreation for Kids – For Information

Recommendation: That the Commission receives a report on the Sports, Play and Active Recreation for Kids (SPARK) after school program.

Documents:

- Staff Report
- Staff PowerPoint

Speakers:

- Staff: Terry Brown, Recreation Supervisor; Bill Bettinger, Recreation Coordinator

The Commission received the report and their questions were answered.

OLD BUSINESS

6. Proposed Fiscal Year 2014 – 2015 Proposed Budget – For Information

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a report on the proposed Community Policing Office at the Franklin Neighborhood Center

Documents:

- Staff Report

Speakers:

- Staff: Nancy L. Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director; Mark Alvarado, Sr. Neighborhood and Outreach Services Supervisor; Riley Harwood, Police Sergeant

The Commission received the report and their questions were answered.

The Commissioners expressed that this proposal was a good idea, but want it to be a positive experience for the community.

NEW BUSINESS - None

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:56 p.m., with no further business to be addressed by the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Rapp
Parks & Recreation Director