



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: March 26, 2014
TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department
SUBJECT: Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission:

- A. Deny the following Setback Tree removal request:
1. 1208 Quinientos St. – *Sequoia sempervirens*, Coastal Redwood – Lindsay Weinberg

The Committee recommends (5/0) that the Commission deny the tree removal request. The Committee determined that the tree may be suffering from the drought but is not dying. The Committee noted the tree is growing new foliage after the recent rains. Staff contacted the applicant; the landscape plan that was mentioned has not yet been developed.

- B. Consider the following change to the Street Tree Master Plan:
1. 2200-2400 blocks of Garden St. (odd side) – species designation – Fred L. Sweeney

In August 2013, the Upper East Association made a request to change the designation of five sections of street in their neighborhood, (2100 block of Santa Barbara St., 2200 block of Santa Barbara St, 2300-2400 blocks of Santa Barbara St., 2200-2400 blocks of Garden Street, (odd side), and 200 block of E Junipero St.). The Commission reviewed four of the five street sections on October 23, 2013. The staff report and meeting minutes are attached.

The Commission did not act on the request for the 2200 – 2400 blocks of Garden Street at the October 23, 2013 meeting, because the Committee had not provided a recommendation. The Committee postponed its recommendation in order to further review options for the designation.

The Committee reconsidered the request to change the species designation at its meeting on March 6, 2014. The Committee recommends (5/0) that the Commission co-designate *Alectryon excelsus*, Totoki for the odd side of the

2200-2400 blocks of Garden Street. This action would add to the currently designated tree, *Pyrus kawakamii*, Evergreen Pear. The Committee determined the foliage of the Totoki is similar to the Kafir Plums, but the species does not have the large fleshy fruit like the Kafir Plums for which the Upper East Association expressed concerns. Designating this species would maintain tree diversity by providing opportunity to plant more than the six in the current inventory.

ATTACHMENTS: 1. 1208 Quinientos St.
2. 2200-2400 blocks of Garden St.

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