



## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** March 23, 2016

**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 request:

1. 3895 Fairfax Rd. and 330 N. La Cumbre Rd. – (3) *Jacaranda mimosifolia*, Jacaranda and (1) *Yucca elephantipes*, Giant Yucca – Eric Goodall

The Committee (5/0) recommends that the Commission approve the removals on the condition Public Works plants as many trees as feasible within the parkways to be developed. There is space for the project to provide 2 ½ foot wide parkways. The Committee requested the street tree designation be considered at a future meeting to co-designate a smaller species that can fit into the proposed parkways. Staff anticipates this will accommodate four or five new street trees.

B. Approve the following Setback Tree removal request:

1. 216 Santa Rosa Pl. – *Ficus benjamina*, Weeping Fig – Ashely Pimley

This tree was placed in its current location by the applicant in a pot. Over time the tree roots grew out of the pot and rooted into the ground. The Committee determined this tree was not intended to be planted in this location. The Committee (5/0) recommends that the Commission approve the removal.

C. Approve the following designation changes to the Street Tree Master Plan:

1. 1300 block of Portesuello Ave. – Co-designate an alternative species – Rob Maday Landscape

The Committee (5/0) recommends that the Commission co-designate *Pistacia chinensis*, Chinese Pistache for the 1300 block of Portesuello Ave. The Committee determined this designation is consistent with nearby existing street trees.

2. 600-800 blocks of Roberto Ave. – Changes to the designated street tree- James H. Suttle and LaDonna H. Suttle

The Committee (3/2) recommends that the Commission co-designate *Metrosideros excelsa*, New Zealand Christmas for the 800 block of Roberto Avenue and deny the addition of the *Syagrus romanzoffiana*, Queen Palm for the 600-800 blocks of Roberto Ave. Members Treman and McPherson opposed because they did not see a need to add the New Zealand Christmas Tree designation to the 800 block. The Committee determined that the Queen Palm is more suitable for smaller parkways and the other designated species provide greater benefit to the neighborhood.

- ATTACHMENTS:**
1. 3895 Fairfax Rd. and 330 N. La Cumbre Rd.
  2. 216 Santa Rosa Pl.
  3. 1300 block of Portesuello Ave.
  4. 600-800 blocks of Roberto Ave.

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

**APPROVED BY:** Jill E. Zachary, Parks and Recreation Director