

CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE

AGENDA

Beautification & Natural Resources Committee

Museum of Natural History Education Room

Forest & Central Avenues

Tuesday, June 27, 2006 4:00 PM

ACTION MINUTES

Members Present: Akeman, Anton, Foord, Lindsay, Mollring

Members Absent: Bauer, Stearman

Staff: Leiker, Reid (Arborist, City of Monterey)

Meeting convened at: 4:00 pm Meeting adjourned: 6:15 pm

**Members-Please notify Public Works Department Office at 648-5722 if you cannot make it to the meeting. Thank You**

SECTION	AGENDA ITEM	VOTE (if any)	ACTION
I. Approval of Minutes	May 23, 2006	M: Lindsay S: Akeman Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Abstentions:	Approved as corrected.
II. Oral Communications	Comments from the audience will not receive committee action. Comments may concern matters either on or not on the agenda, but must deal with matters subject to the jurisdiction of the BNRC. Comments concerning matters set for public hearing on the agenda will not be heard until the public hearing is called. Comments will be limited to three minutes.		Leiker introduced Celia Martinez, Public Works Supervisor. Celia started mid-January and has been very helpful at processing projects and making the Public Works operation more efficient and productive.  Ms. Martinez noted that an arborist has been invited to join the PG staff. Could possibly start at the end of July.

Public Hearing I	Tree permit appealed for 310 Congress Avenue.	<p>M: B. Lindsay: Move to deny appeal. Not in favor of removal, but re: arborist report, if not removed, extends liability.  S: D. Foord: agrees with B. Lindsay's comments.  Ayes: 3  Noes: 1 (Mollring)  Abstentions:</p> <p>Motion failed: 3 to 1</p> <p>M: B. Lindsay: to continue to next meeting.  S: Foord  Ayes: 4  Noes: 0</p>	<p>Akeman excused himself from committee deliberations. He is the appellant. Ed Husbe (spouse of Barbara Hamilton, the applicant) spoke with respect to subject tree. Neighbor across the street voiced support for removal.  Appellant: Akeman addressed committee. Pitch canker irreversible? Looks like new growth! If it is sick &amp; hazardous, then should come down. But, it isn't and is so stated in arborist report, &amp; if sick &amp; can recover, then so be it.  Reid discussed his opinions. Over 40% mortality rate, tree to not recover. Won't get better. Can cut out bad wood but only looks better for a while. Beetles still an issue. Can assist in spread of disease.</p> <p>Staff to check re: arborist report &amp; liability (with City Attorney).</p>
Public Hearing II	Tree permit appealed for 551 Gibson Avenue.	<p>M: Akeman deny appeal but require 2 for 1 replant.  S: B. Lindsay  Ayes: 4  Noes: 1 (Mollring)  Abstentions:</p>	<p>Bill Camille present. Frank Ono spoke for CNMH &amp; reviewed his report. Trees were posted. Public Hearing posted. Discussion ensued re: ordinance needing revision to warrant more specifics with respect to location of postings of tree removals.</p> <p>Reid noted his agreement w/Ono's report. Camille discussed Ono report with respect to safety of workman &amp; FHM residents after project completed.  Grate spoke to stand alone project vs. development related project. Plot plan presented by FHM showing trees was before demolition. Grate passed out plot plan that showed proposed structure. Should go to Council for final say.</p> <p>Much discussion pursued. Ono mentioned how can you appeal a "hazard"?.  Stand-alone permit...</p>
III. Old Business	Decision for Marina Romani -	<p>M:  S:</p>	Continue.

a.	(October BNRC agenda) re: memorial	Ayes: Noes: Abstentions:	
III. Old Business b.	Revised tree ordinance.	M: Lindsay S: Mollring Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Abstentions:	T. Akeman presented current ordinance encoded by City Attorney. Accept changes & take to Council for adoption.
IV. New Business a.	Tree Permit Summary May, 2006	M: S: Ayes: Noes: Abstentions:	Receive.
IV. New Business b.	Tree planting in Monarch Grove Sanctuary.	M: S: Ayes: Noes: Abstentions:	Continue.
IV. New Business c.	PG City wide cleanup day.	M: S: Ayes: Noes: Abstentions:	Anton reported on Anton/Stearman/staff meetings (2). Original concept would have had significant cost. BNRC involvement to now be limited to getting the word out...endorsing the clean-up effort.
V. Sub-committee reports a.	Crespi Pond	M: S: Ayes: Noes: Abstentions:	No report.
V. Sub-committee reports b.	Newspaper Rack Ordinance: Discuss VHS of 2-18-04 & City Council meeting re: newracks. (1)	M: S: Ayes: Noes: Abstentions:	Continue.
V. Sub-committee Reports c.	Recycling Containers/Recycling (2)	M: S: Ayes: Noes: Abstentions:	Staff to bring catalogues to next meeting so Committee can see/discuss container options.
V. Sub-committee Reports	Street Tree Planting (5)	M: S: Ayes:	No report.

