

CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE

AGENDA

Beautification & Natural Resources Committee
Stearman.

Museum of Natural History Conference Room

Central and Forest Avenue

Tuesday, August 22, 2006

ACTION MINUTES

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

Members Absent:

Staff: Leiker, Finnegan, Reid (Monterey) Blecha

Meeting convened at: 4:04 PM Meeting adjourned: 5:57 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	July 25, 2006	M: Akeman, Bauer S: Foord Ayes: 4 (Lindsay & Stearman arrived after this motion/vote) 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.		None.

Public Hearing	310 Congress (continued x2)	M: Lindsay to deny the appeal and that tree can be removed. S: Stearman Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Abstentions:	Joe Bileci-60% infested with pitch canker. City of Monterey uses 40% and if above then should be removed (Reid concurred). Roots also running along retaining wall rather than radiating out & buttressing /stabilizing tree. Tree is a Sentry & exposed to the wind (s) which would, under storm conditions, blow into street area. Pruning won't extend life at this stage (60%). Tree is too far gone. If subject tree is removed there are other inhibited trees (3 or 4) that should thrive. Akeman (appellant) A dominant tree. Looked like a thriving tree. Can it be pruned/trimmed & extend its life? Reid responded that tree looks better but life not extended. Blecha reported that all cuts would have to be "sterile". Tools need to be sterilized between each cut. Not realistic to expect. All arborist (3) agree that tree life cannot be extended.
Public Hearing	427 Evergreen	M: Akeman Deny appeal & not permit further tree removal unit replant for December removal carried out. And, staff to check on such permit. S: Bauer Ayes: 4 Noes: 2 Abstentions:	Anton stepped down. Possible bias. Lindsay chaired item. Blecha reported that replant from December permit not done. Permit could be conditioned at 12 month replant.
III. Old Business a.	Decision for Marina Romani - (October BNRC agenda) re: memorial	M: S: Ayes: Noes: Abstentions:	15 gallon Cypress to be planted and nurtured by Friends of the Monarchs. Resolved. Can be removed from agenda.
III. Old Business b.	Revised tree ordinance.	M: Lindsay Withhold submission until further revisions are investigated & possibly incorporated into ordinance revision. S: Stearman Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Abstentions:	Akeman reported that Planning Comm. Endorsed ordinance. PC issues to be taken up in the future. PC to get Council authorization.
IV.	Tree Permit Summary July, 2006	M:	Received. Akeman provided removal

New Business a.		S: Ayes: Noes: Abstentions:	statistics. Blecha to check on permit 58988 and report to Mollring if removal based on foundation dispute.
IV. New Business b.	Tree planting in Monarch Grove Sanctuary.	M: S: Ayes: Noes: Abstentions:	Covered in III a. Remove item from future agendas.
IV. New Business c.	PG City wide cleanup day.	M: S: Ayes: Noes: Abstentions:	Stearman writing article for local paper.
IV. New Business d.	Snags (see attachment)	M: S: Ayes: Noes: Abstentions:	A "bird" specialist to be invited to next meeting to discuss "snags". Martinez to attend. Snag vs. no/limited number of them?
IV. New Business e.	Patriotic banner for downtown.	M: S: Ayes: Noes: Abstentions:	Continue to next meeting.
V. Sub-committee reports a.	Crespi Pond (see attachment)	M: S: Ayes: Noes: Abstentions:	Receive.
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. Staff to contact Carmel
V. Sub-committee Reports c.	Recycling Containers/Recycling (2)	M: S: Ayes: Noes: Abstentions:	Anton to meet with Staff.
V. Sub-committee	Street Tree Planting (5)	M: S:	Continue.

