

CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE

AGENDA

Beautification & Natural Resources Committee

Museum of Natural History Conference Room

Central and Forest Avenue

Tuesday, September 26, 2006 4:00 PM

ACTION MINUTES

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

Members Absent: None.

Staff: Finnegan, Martinez, Leiker

Meeting convened at: 4:00 PM Meeting adjourned: 6:18 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	August 22, 2006	M: Foord S: Lindsay Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Abstentions:	Approve as submitted.
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 (1)	147 11 th Street	M: Stearman, deny appeal, plant 1 tree on lot and another in/on public space S: Foord Ayes: 3 Noes: 4 Abstentions:	No further correspondence from appellant. "Appeal" read. Akeman spoke with appellant and stated that appellant wanted plans submitted to ensure rebuilding. Permittee wants to have tree removed to stop damage, and get some breathing room. Windows and entry first to be repaired. Intent is to refurbish the structure so that it will not fall down and is kept like it is now. Lindsay would like to see 2 trees replanted, Stearman would like to see 1 or 2 trees replanted on lot. Staff noted tree (s) could be planted on/in public land. Mollring noted she'd like tree "B" to stay and move/reconstruct structure at another location. Akeman noted appellant should protect roof/structure. Anton agrees with appellant. Akeman wants tree removal tied into building permit. Motion fails. Appeal can be made to the City Council.
Public Hearing (2)	110 Caledonia	M: Lindsay-uphold appeal (tree stays) S: Mollring Ayes:7 Noes:0 Abstentions:	Akeman excused himself as the appellant. Akeman noted he lived in area 18 years ago, tree was leaning then. Fence was damaged then. Permittee noted sidewalk "popped". It's about 11" today. Wires being "bent" by tree. Lindsay noted a stump is next to subject tree. No one knew of any damage from removed tree. Wires have been in contact with tree for some time as wires being grown around. And, arborist report has many "weasel" words. Mollring stated tree seems healthy. Staff noted arborist recommendation for removal is based on "structural" problems. BNRC recommends permittee do further investigation into "structural" stability of tree.
III. Old Business	Tree replant mail in cards.	M: S:	Received report. Thom Akeman asked if any statistics were included. None were.

a.		Ayes: Noes: Abstentions:	
III. Old Business b.	Heritage Trees	M: S: Ayes: Noes: Abstentions:	Wait for arborist to be on board.
III. Old Business c.	Tree Ordinance	M: S: Ayes: Noes: Abstentions:	Staff (Martinez) reported on subcommittee to be established. 2 from PC and 2 for BNRC (Akeman and Lindsay).
IV. New Business a.	Tree Permit Summary August, 2006	M: S: Ayes: Noes: Abstentions:	Akeman commented on several permits and Martinez to research and respond.
IV. New Business b.	New Business Tidiness' Ordinance (?)/Program/Campaign	M: S: Ayes: Noes: Abstentions:	No further action. Jean Anton could not recall issue.
IV. New Business c.	PG City wide cleanup day.	M: S: Ayes: Noes: Abstentions:	Happened. Miles Stearman to write article re: battery drop off locations, thank collection point business/city facilities.
IV. New Business d.	Snags (see attachment)	M: S: Ayes: Noes: Abstentions:	Akeman introduced Alan Baldrige and Don Roberson-premier "birders" and experts. Snags important to wildlife? Height an issue? Roberson presented a paper dated 9/06. Snags should be retained but not where or high enough to damage/injure structures/people. Leave in GWP for example, but not next to a children's center. Baldrige agreed with Roberson "paper". Other wildlife values are very important.
IV. New Business e.	Patriotic banner for downtown.	M: S: Ayes: Noes:	Concept approved. Proto -type.

		Abstentions:	
IV. New Business f.	“Adopt –a-tree” program.	M: S: Ayes: Noes: Abstentions:	Anton proposed PG providing trees and place with family watering/monitoring tree (s) for health. 2-year commitment. Trees can be identified with a plaque and recognition. Use zinc nails. Anton to work with staff on getting tree programs moving forward (“adopt” and replacement for in lieu of memorial bench program).
IV. New Business g.	CDD/Heritage Society/Historic Resources	M: S: Ayes: Noes: Abstentions:	No action needed.
IV. New Business h.	Record of BNRC member attendance.	M: S: Ayes: Noes: Abstentions:	Received.
V. Sub-committee reports a.	Crespi Pond (see attachment)	M: S: Ayes: Noes: Abstentions:	No report.
V. Sub-committee reports b.	Carmel Newsracks-email from Rich Guillen	M: S: Ayes: Noes: Abstentions:	Bauer contacting former BNRC members to learn history. Bauer contacted Maureen who put Bauer in touch with her replacement at Herald. Herald to see if they have any more metal racks. Eliminate plastic racks?
V. Sub-committee Reports c.	Recycling Containers/Recycling (2)	M: S: Ayes: Noes: Abstentions:	Dura Stone “unit” that combines waste and recycling to be forthcoming (catalogue). Locations in downtown area. Museum would pay for 2 such units. Recommendation to be made to Council
V. Sub-committee Reports d.	Street Tree Planting (5)	M: S: Ayes: Noes: Abstention:	Fold into other interests- tree planting regimes.
V. Sub-committee	Tidepool Steering Committee	M: S:	Anton noted 2 matches being sought for total of \$15,000. A “leader” being sought,

