

City of Pacific Grove
Beautification & Natural Resources Committee (BNRC)
Minutes of Special Meeting – December 14, 2009

Present: Committee members: Akeman, Myers, Kapp, Phillips, Travaille

Staff: Martinez, Katen

Absent: Jean Anton (Medical leave of absence)

Guest: Jessie Bray, David Shoneman, Robert Huitt, Barb Thomas, Michaela Braveman, Sally Moore, Mary O'Connell, Mary Craft, Georgia Booth, Hal Laughlin

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm in the Education Room of the Library

2. **Oral Communications:**
David Shoneman, representing the Museum board told the committee that the Museum board had discussed at three previous meetings the role of the Museum with regards to the Monarch Grove Sanctuary. The board concluded that the Museum board concluded the oversight role for the sanctuary belongs with the BNRC.
Closed Public Comment

3. **Approval of minutes:**
Corrections were made to the minutes
Motion to approve Mr. Akeman, Second Mr. Phillips Approved 5 ayes

4. **New Business**

The committee heard the appeal of the decision by the City Arborist to retain a Monterey Pine tree located at 239 Walcott in the City ROW. The appellant was Michaela Braveman. The committee asked questions of the staff for clarification. Ms. Braveman addressed the committee with her concerns regarding the tree. She offered to plant new trees. She would like the tree to be removed versus trimmed.
Open Public Comment
Mrs. O'Connell concurred with the appellant. Mr. Laughlin spoke to the State Parks system of targeting. Mrs. Moore asked if a permit had been issued. Mrs. Booth agreed with the Braveman request.
Closed Public Comment

Committee discussed and was in consensus that with three inspections and a plan to maintain the tree that it should be retained. Consent Agenda Item No. 6.D.5
Motion to deny the appeal by Mr. Akeman, seconded by Mr. Myers – comments and a vote – 5 ayes

5. Old Business

A. Tree Ordinance

Recommended Action 1: Review Council Direction from City Council meeting 12-2-09

Recommended Action 2: Consider creating a sub-committee to complete committee recommendations for changes to the Tree Ordinance.

Recommended Action 3: Receive information from staff with regards to proposed new addition of Article 12.16 re: Very High Fire Safety Zone and Article VI – Miscellaneous Provisions – Violations

Staff reported to the committee on the three recommended actions and reviewed the council directives, as well as the possibility of creating a sub-committee to finish reviewing the tree ordinance. Mr. Huitt spoke to the intentions of the council. Staff also told the committee the need to review the violations section of the code and that staff will prepare an additional document for review regarding the Very High Fire Safety Zones.

Open Public Comment

Mrs. Moore asked who the sub-committee members would be.

Mrs. Booth asked why the citizen participation is not being recognized.

Mrs. Bray asked if the tree ordinance review might go faster with a sub committee.

Mrs. O'Connell asked if the sub committee would report to the whole committee, Public Comment was closed.

The committee discussed and agreed to form a sub committee. Mr. Travaille, Mr. Myers, and Mr. Akeman were appointed. Motion to appoint the sub-committee as by Mr. Kapp, seconded by Mr. Phillips. Motion was amended, to proceed the review from Article V – 210 Trees on Private Property Development – 5 ayes

- 6. Correspondence:** Mr. Philips reported that he had received correspondence from the National Registry with regards to the Coast Guard property and the registry of 1977. The Fog Horn building in not part of the historic registry.
- 7. Agenda items for next agenda**
Tide pool signs
Color of downtown bins
- 8. Motion to adjourn** at 5:15pm. Moved by Mr. Akeman, seconded by Mr. Kapp
5 ayes