



NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

REVISED

Beautification and Natural Resources Committee

DATE & TIME: Tuesday, September 22, 2009 – 4:00 P.M.

LOCATION: Museum of Natural History Conference Room-Natural History Museum 165 Forest Ave

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to order.
2. Oral Communications (*Comments from the audience will not receive Committee action. Comments must deal with matters subject to the jurisdiction of the Committee and will be limited to three minutes. Comments regarding agenda items not on the Consent Agenda shall be heard prior to the consideration of such items at the time such items are called. Whenever possible, letters should be submitted to the Committee in advance of the meeting.*)

REGULAR AGENDA:

3. Approval of Minutes July 23, 2009 meeting
Reference: Jean Anton
Recommended Action: Approve minutes

4. Old Business

A: Enforcement/compliance of replanting trees
Reference: Celia Perez Martinez
Recommended Action: Nothing to report

B. McIndoo Estate plans
Reference: Celia Perez Martinez
Recommended Action: Update

C. Fog Horn Building
Reference: Roger Phillips
Recommended Action: Update

D. Tree Ordinance
Reference: Celia Perez Martinez
Recommended Action 1: Approve addition to Article I. Findings and Purpose, 12.16.010 #9
Recommended Action 2: Review Article V

E: BID – **Reference: Jean Anton**



F: Goals – **Reference: Jean Anton**
Recommended Action: Review

5. New Business

A: Tree Permit Summary June, July, August 2009 Monthly tree activity for permits relating to removals and City Standard trimming.

Reference: Public Works Superintendent Martinez

Recommended Action: Accept

B. Nuisance (garbage) on Private Property

6. Sub-committee reports

A: Recycling

7. Correspondence:

8. Agenda Items for next meeting:

9. Adjournment:

This meeting is open to the public and all interested persons are welcome to attend. The City of Pacific Grove does not discriminate against individuals with disabilities and meetings are held in accessible facilities.

City of Pacific Grove
Beautification & Natural Resources Committee
Minutes of Meeting – July 28, 2009

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

Staff: Martinez

Absent:

Guest: Bruce Obbink, John Fischer, Sally Moore, Barbara Thomas, Mary Craft, Marilyn Beck, Jessie Bray, Sally Herrgott, Pat Herrgott, Dorothea Roe, Barbara Puget, Bruce Cowan, Mary O'Connell, Georgia Booth, Guest 1, Guest 2

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm in the Education Room of the Library

2. **Oral Communications:**

Marilynn Beck spoke to recycling bins downtown and her hope for solid results.

Dorothea Roe: Referred to a letter to the editor she wrote and told of living in the Asilomar area and decaying trees that should be addressed.

Sally Moore spoke to the application for an arborist and referred to the Arborist Code of Ethics.

Jessie Bray: spoke to the topic of open meetings and her discomfort with the current situations with reference to minutes.

Bruce Cowan: spoke of his background and

Guest 1: spoke to whether there was a quorum

Pat Hergott: spoke to hearing Robert Reid, arborist for Monterey and his discussion regarding hazardous trees and his inspections of them on private property. She requested our arborist do the same thing.

Dave Myers: spoke to Ron Johnston

Mary O'Connell: spoke to an audience member not being allowed to comment on another oral communications comment

Sally Hergott: spoke to trash in private property yards and whether there are re-inspections after the initial fire inspection

John Fischer: spoke to the Union Pacific Right of Way and that it appeared to be trimmed from Pico Ave. to the north.

3. **Approval of minutes:**

Old Business strike last paragraph number 8; remove "Mr." from number 7

Item K. correct word "bridge"

#4 Correct motion information

#2 Correct to "Basal Area Method"

Correction to public comments by audience

Motion to approve Mr. Akeman, Second Mr. Myers - Approved 5 ayes

4. Old Business

A. Staff reported Rip Van Winkle Open space vehicle stopping areas will return to Council on August 19th.

B. Staff reported that there was 45% compliance for the permits from January to April 2009. There was discussion regarding enforcement of 12 non-compliant permits from October 2007 to October 2008 period. Five are identified as large complexes. Mr. Travaille suggested the Arborist pursue the concept with the City's legal counsel.

Public comment:

Guest 2. spoke that they are aware of a city employee who has not replaced their tree(s)

Guest 1. spoke to surprise a private citizen would support enforcement.

Dorothea Roe: spoke to planting pines and having them die

Pat Herrgott: spoke to the permit having changed as well as the Landscape list for PG.

Georgia Booth: spoke to her personal situation

Bruce Cowan: spoke to the issue of enforcement

Barbara Thomas: spoke to uniformity in compliance

Mary O'Connell: concurred with Barbara Thomas.

Sally Moore: spoke to need for guidance from arborist

Back to Committee

Mr. Myers felt it is premature to fine people. Ms. Anton agreed. Mr. Travaille stated that as the tree ordinance is being discussed there is always work toward clarity. People pulling permits know they need to replant. He suggested follow up enforcement with letters rather than fines. Mr. Akeman stated that the in-lieu fee was approved by City Council in 2006. The tree ordinance and the tree permit application was approved by City Council in 2007. He stated the application is very specific and that the Arborist has flexibility with replants.

Report received.

C. Staff updated committee on McIndoo Estate plans.

Public Comment

John Fischer: spoke to the Lighthouse plans and the transition from the museum

Guest 1: spoke to Redwood trees being planted in a linear fashion on the road

D. No report

E. No report

F. No item F

H. Discussion and Agreement: for changes to Articles 1-4 of PG Municipal Code 12.16

Public Comment:

Guest 1: spoke to hazards being listed

John Fischer: spoke to shall be vs. should be with regards to snags

Back to committee

1) definition added "in-lieu fee"

2) Ask Legal Counsel to clarify language between 12.16.140(d) and 12.16.170

3) Add #9 to 12.16-010 with regards to appropriate and health of trees

Motion to approve Mr. Myers, Seconded Mr. Akeman - Approved 5 ayes

Committee established that at their next meeting they will review Article V.

I. No item I.

J. BID: Ms. Anton shared the medians on Lighthouse Ave are in good condition.

K. Goals: Ms. Anton stated the Bridge Ministry will paint the light poles on Forest between David and Pine Avenues. Staff has secured the materials.

Public Comment

Mary O'Connell: spoke to liability

5. New Business

A. Tree Permit

Mr. Akeman stated that there have been 59 tree removals in the first six months of the year, 2009

Public Comment

Guest 1: Spoke the public's difficulties in solving tree issues

6. Sub Committee reports

A. Recycling: Ms. Anton stated containers need to be placed down town.

B. Shoreline Steering Sub Committee: one half of the signs are up and Ms Anton will follow up on invoicing.

8. Agenda items for next meeting: Public Nuisance – Garbage on Private property.

9. Adjournment Motion by Mr. Travaille seconded by Mr. Akeman at 6:00pm.
Approved – 5 ayes