



City of Pacific Grove  
Beautification & Natural Resources Committee  
**Minutes of Meeting – July 24, 2007**

Present: Committee members: Jean Anton; Tom Akeman; Bill Kampe; Dave Myers, Miles Stearman, Mark Travaille

Staff: Celia Perez Martinez; Paul Finnegan

Absent:

The meeting was called to order by Jean Anton at 4:00 pm.

1. Approval of the Minutes of meeting held July 24, 2007.  
Motion by Mr. Kampe to approve the minutes: seconded by Mr. Myers: Unanimous aye vote.
2. Oral Communications: None
3. Old Business:
  - A. New committee member. Roger Phillips will be on the consent agenda August 15.
  - B. News rack Update. Extensive discussion regarding colors was held. Committee agreed that the first change out should be at the former Gaspar's Jewels. Staff will contact Mazi Kavosi to begin the change. Mr. Travaille moved with Mr. Stearman seconding for purpose of discussion to adopt gray as the color, motion was amended by Mr. Stearman and seconded by Mr. Kampe. Passed with unanimous aye vote.
5. New Business:
  - A. Tree permit summary for July, 2007.

A motion was made by Mr. Akeman to accept and it was seconded by Mr. Stearman.

Passed with unanimous aye vote.

- B. Committee would like to have tree planting information in the Tree Permit Summary. This item was referred by Mr. Akeman. He would like to have replant information in the tree permit summary. Staff informed the committee they are reformatting the summary and this information will be reported.
- C. Beach protection for birthing seals. Mr. Akeman led the discussion that come the new birthing season some additional signage will have to be planned to protect the seals at their new birthing beach at Ocean View and 5<sup>th</sup> St.
- D. Butterfly Signage at George Washington Park. A presentation was made by Mr. Finnegan regarding placement of signage similar to that developed for Esalen and their Monarch Butterfly habitat. The signs will be paid for by a donor. Discussion ensued regarding the information to be listed. Committee agreed that Etiquette should be the first bit of information presented followed by the story of the Central Coast Monarch Butterfly habitats.
- E. The Business Improvement District (BID) is requesting member of the BNRC to sit on the BID board. Ms. Anton attended a meeting. They would like representation from the BNRC to take information to the committee. Ms. Anton stated she felt there was a quite a bit of beautification that could occur in the downtown area, particularly flowers. Ms. Anton will suggest to the BID that an ad hoc committee of Jeanne Byrne, Alan Chen, Mr. Kampe and Ms. Anton review the Downtown Charette that was created several years ago. Ms. Anton shared that there is a binder full of wonderful ideas. Such as "Adopt a Planter"
- F. Chamber of Commerce/Memorial bench. Discussion was held regarding the irregularity of a bench sculpture placed at corner of Forest and Central at the city owned Chamber of Commerce building. Mr. Finnegan presented an Art Acceptance from that is completed for works of art presented to the City or proposed for presentation. Mr. Myers pointed out that the sculpture is not the City's nor has the chamber proposed it be, so if the chamber moves they would take the sculpture with them. The committee wanted to know where Ms. Erma Dinkle's bench was and whether or not she was informed of the move. Staff reported that Moe Ammar of the Chamber said Ms. Dinkle and her son were aware of the move, approved, and that a bench honoring her and her husband was now in front of the Post Office, There were also questions as to whether it was in the right of way and legal with regard to the lease. Committee suggested staff refer this to the council to see if they are interested in the City pursuing the questionable placement of the sculpture.

6. Sub Committee reports

A: Recycling. Staff announced the city wide recycling was a success. Committee would like to see more events. Staff shared that the costs of the event is significant and that the next event will be fluorescent bulbs.

b. Tidepool Steering Committee. Ms. Anton asked if Staff will install signs for the committee at tide pool sites. Staff responded positively.

7. Correspondence:

8. Agenda items for next meeting

Add "Announcement" Referral Akeman

Check on the timing for tree trimming in the sanctuary. Referral Anton

Discuss Residential Parking Permits. Referral Stearman.

Rocky Shores. Referral Mr. Kampe.

9. Adjournment

Motioned by Mr. Kampe, seconded by Mr. Stearman. Unanimous Aye vote.

The next meeting of the BNRC will be on Tuesday, August 28, 2007, 4:00 PM at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, 165 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove.