



City of Pacific Grove
Beautification & Natural Resources Committee
Minutes of Meeting – August 28, 2007

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

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 August 28, 2007.

Motion by Mr. Kampe to approve the minutes: seconded by Mr. Myers: Unanimous aye vote.

Corrections to the minutes.

1. Mr. Myers was absent at the July meeting.
2. Corrected the spelling of Mr. Alan Cohen's name.
3. Grammar correction in item 5E and item 5F

2. Oral Communications: No oral communications

3. Old Business:

A. Newsracks Update: Staff reported that Mazi Kavosi of the Herald is working on the first site. Ms. Anton stated she would e-mail him for an update.

4. New Business:

A. Tree permit summary for August 2007. Was reviewed however, replanting information is not yet on the report but is forthcoming.

B. Economic Advisory Committee approved banner across Forest Avenue

Discussion: Moe Ammar of at the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce presented the idea of having a banner across Lighthouse Ave, downtown. The banner will be similar to those on Alvarado St. in Monterey, CA. The proposed location is at Forest Avenue. During discussion, Mr. Stearman and Mr. Kampe also brought up the idea of having a welcoming sign at the entrance to the city at Lighthouse/Central. The committee endorsed the banner concept with the caveat that the committee be included in future conversations with regards to location and looks.

Motion by Mr. Kampe, Second by Mr. Phillips.

C. Tree trimming in Monarch Sanctuary:

Discussion: The time has come for the trimming of the Butterfly Sanctuary. Staff (Finnegan) reported there was a volunteer performing weeding and would pile for Public Works to pick up. Staff (Martinez) also reported that an arborist had visited the Sanctuary and indicated which trees need maintenance. This work will be performed the week of September 10th.

D. Residential parking permits:

Discussion: This item was spearheaded by Mr. Stearman regarding residential parking permits and other paid parking in the city. He presented prepared ideas and discussion followed. Mr. Kampe offered the aspects of "dynamic parking" with regard to rates during busy times versus non. There was discussion of visitor parking and the perceived abuse of public goods i.e. free parking. The committee decided that Mr. Stearman should approach the Traffic Commission to get their opinion on the subject.

E. Rocky Shores:

Discussion: Mr. Kampe requested this item be discussed as it was referred to the committee at a recent City Council meeting. The Transportation Agency of Monterey County awarded a grant to the city to prepare a plan that completes the recreation trail from approximately Surf Avenue and Ocean View Blvd. to just past the Rocky Shores easements. Mr. Travaille shared with the committee the history of Rocky Shores and the trail. He expressed great pleasure that something is happening with the project so it can move forward. It was agreed that Mr. Kampe and Mr. Travaille as well as Ms. Anton, would meet with staff at the site to determine the next step.

5. Sub Committee reports:

A. Recycling: Staff (Martinez) reported on recycling as it relates to the City's Storm water management plan. Staff also told the committee that the next hazardous waste collection would be in the spring for fluorescent lights. The tremendous cost prohibits more frequent collections.

It was suggested that future recycling information remind citizens not to overfill their recycling bins.

B. Tidepool:

Ms. Anton reported that the committee was meeting in the coming week to decide the placement of informational signs that have been made by the committee. Public Works will place the signs.

6. Correspondence: Was received from David Shonman regarding the signs.

7. Agenda items for next meeting:

Seal birthing at the Pacific Grove Beaches – Akeman
Rip Ban Winkle open space parking – Travaille
Aloe Plants at “Magic Carpet” – Staff
Directional signage to direct visitors to downtown – Traffic Commission
direction to staff.

8. Adjournment :

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

The next meeting of the BNRC will be on Tuesday, September 25, 2007, 4:00 PM at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, 165 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove.