



**City of Pacific Grove
Beautification & Natural Resources Committee
Minutes of Meeting – October 23, 2007**

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

Staff: Celia Perez Martinez

Absent:

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

1. Approval of the Minutes of meeting held October 23, 2007.
Motion by Mr. Phillips to approve the minutes: seconded by Mr. Travaille:
Four corrections:
Unanimous aye vote.

Oral Communications: There were none.

3. Old Business:

A. Newsracks Update:

Ms. Anton expressed the committee's dismay that the project is taking so long to move forward. She and Mrs. Martinez are in communication with Mazi Kavooosi of the Monterey Herald.

- B. Residential Parking: Mr. Stearman told the committee he was unable to meet with a member of the traffic commission. The committee discussed the merits of entering the exercise of looking at residential permits and parking enforcement. The committee thinks it has merit, however it is a project that will demand a lot of time. The idea will be re-visited. He provided materials to staff to pass on to the Traffic Commission. He stated we should look at revenue potential and the objectives of a Residential parking program. Staff will check on a past City Council item that contained residential parking items and it was shot down.

- C: Rocky Shores: Nothing to significant to report. Staff sis report there is a possibility of TAMC dollars for the project. The status of the RFP is up in the air as former Community Development Director Jon Biggs was overseeing that process.
- D. Seal Protection for Pupping Season
Mssrs. Kampe, Phillips, and Akeman drafted a policy for staff to present to the City Council with regard to recommendations for the protection of seals during the pupping season. Staff will prepare a report and place it on the Council agenda in December.
- E: Rip Van Winkle Park
Mssrs Travaille and Stearman will meet with staff at the site and report to the committee on options to correct the parking problem, protect the trees, and open the fire lanes. Staff confirmed that parking enforcement is not occurring at the site. A "rock line" was discussed with a "wheels off" policy. Staff will talk to the fire chief regarding the fire lane access.
- F: City Tree list
This item was carried over. Mr. Kampe stated that the committee should assure the new tree list has adequate public notice. Newspaper articles and the BNRC meetings well noticed.
- G. BID Update (Business Improvement District)
Ms. Anton reported that the committee has not met.

4 New Business:

- A. Tree permit summary for October 2007: Reviewed and accepted.
Staff pointed out the two additional columns on the report that will assist in tracking replants.
- B. BNRC meetings for November and December
Ms. Anton proposed combining the November and December meetings. December 11 was settled on and she invited the committee and staff to her home after the meeting for a Holiday gathering.
- C: Aloe Plants at "Magic Carpet"
Staff shared with the committee that a parks grant will be used in part to trim the aloe plants at Perkins Park. Mr. Akeman asked if the aloe might be of value to harvest. He will check with Sustainable PG. Staff will confirm that they flower.

D: Directional signage to direct visitors to the Downtown area
This item was carried over until the committee receives directions from the City Council. In a related item some of the large, wooden informational signs are fading. The committee expressed the idea of having volunteers refresh them.

E. Possible Consolidation of Advisory Bodies

The City Manager asked that commission and committees look at the possibility of dissolving or merging with another group. The BNRC felt that their merger of the previously separate Beautification and the Natural Resources committees accomplished that. Discussion concluded that there was not other committee that had similar purviews that would create efficiencies. The committee felt that they take tasks, run with them and do them well.

5. Sub Committee reports:

A. Recycling: No report was made

B. Tidepool: Ms. Anton indicated the committee was still finalizing the wording for the tide pool signs.

6. Correspondence:

7. Agenda items for next meeting:
None

8. Adjournment :

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

The next meeting of the BNRC will be on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, 4:00 PM at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, 165 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove.