



**City of Pacific Grove
Beautification & Natural Resources Committee
Minutes of Meeting – February 25, 2008**

Present: Committee members: Anton, Akeman, Kampe, Travaille, Phillips

Staff: None, Martinez absent due to illness

Absent: Myers

Guests: None

1. The meeting was called to order by Jean Anton at 4:22 pm. Meeting was held at the City Managers Conference Room at City Hall due to the unavailability of the Museum meeting room.
2. Approval of the Minutes of meeting held January 29, 2008.
With the following corrections:
Under corrections for last time 3B .. fix first sentence to read "that the harbor seal policy was going to the city council for approval." (Not seal Harbor)
Oral Communications: Mr. Robert C. Brooks presented a paper to the committee ASKING to have a stone wall restored ... on Grove Acre ... (spacing needs fixing too)
Old Business, B .. again, it's harbor seal (not seal harbor) and Sanctuary is misspelled.
D - was there a resolution to the directional signs issue?
4. New Business A. Tree permit summary was for December 2007 (not January 2008)

Motion by Mr. Travaille to approve the minutes: seconded by Mr. Kampe

3. Oral Communication: There was none.

4. Old Business:

A. Newsracks Update: The committee discussed news rack issues. They are anxious to get the next three (3) in place ... but when? When will the present one at Mr. B's coffee shop be relocated?

B. Rip Van Winkle Parking: The committee wanted to know who is dropping the chip barks. They agreed it was a good idea; possible to deter parking. Ms. Anton and Mr. Travaille will work on a flyer to leave on visitors to the park for a couple of weeks before the parking changes are made.

C. Sanctuary Rock Wall: Mr. Brook was at the meeting ... does not want to make the rock border a neighborhood project. Martinez email report says there's no \$\$ for new rocks. Moved by Mr. Akeman and seconded to Mr. Kampe to send the issue to Pacific Grove Public Works – unanimous vote

D. Goals: A goals list was developed and discussed. This topic will be on the next agenda. Ms. Anton will forward the list to Mrs. Martinez at Public Works.

NO discussion on items

E: City Tree list

F: Rocky Shores Trail

G: BID

5 New Business:

A. Tree Permit Summary: There was no tree permit summary for the month of February.

B. Goals – see above item

C. Lovers Point Memorial Wall – Staff was not present to report.

6. Sub Committee reports:

A. Recycling – Three (3) articles have been sent to the PG Bulletin. One has been published. Two more are in the works and will be ready for publication for the March/April Bulletins.

B. Shoreline Signage (NOT tide pool) Ms. Anton reported that we are still waiting for the Sanctuary to finish the signs.

B. Tidepool: No report was made.

7. Correspondence: None

8. Agenda items for next meeting:

a. enforcement/compliance of replanting trees (ref: Akeman)

b. Trees for PG brochure (ref: Kampe)

D. Tree for PG brochure: Mr. Kampe and Ms. Anton will meet with the Courts with regard to the brochure and the "umbrella" that "Trees for PG" is with regard to the other programs adopted by the City Council. He is also giving a try at formatting the landscape tree list.

E: City Tree list: The next step is to format the tree list and have it placed on the city web site. Mr. Kampe as reported above will attempt a first round of formatting.

F: Rocky Shores Trail: The RFP is in circulation.

G: BID: 17 Mile Drive Directional signs: These will be up by the 25th of July for the Feast of Lanterns. Directional signs on Lighthouse will be attached to existing street signs.

H: Goals: While some goals have been achieved there are others that are behind the timeframes the committee set.

5. New Business:

A. Tree Permit Summary: Tree permit summary was distributed for July. The committee requested details of 1310 Buena Vista were also provided on the summary as requested at the last meeting.

B. Appeal of a Tree Removal denial by Dr. Stevens Tucker

Dr. Tucker presented an appeal to a denial by the City arborist Rick Katen to remove two (2) living pine trees. Mr. Tucker originally had six (6) pine trees in his back yard that he wanted appealed. Two (2) tree reports by Mr. Frank Ono were contradictory, so the City arborist requested additional testing via boring. The arborist final decision was to allow Dr. Tucker to remove four (4) of the six trees. Dr. Stevens wanted to remove them all. His position was that one hung entirely over his neighbors house Mrs. Barbara Krause and that the other had already dropped limbs and caused damage to the neighbor on another side of his property, Mr. Geoff Welch. He also presented a letter sent on Mr. Welch's behalf from arborist/attorney Joe Bellici. Dr. Tucker maintained that other arborist had deemed the trees hazardous and it was the City's responsibility to allow him to remove the trees. Mr. Katen maintained that the trees that were hazardous had been removed, that the two (2) remaining trees should be uncabled and while not young thriving tree, the two (2) trees were "seniors" that were in decline but not dangerous. The committee had discussion about replacement trees and sizes, and was told by staff that the arborist could have the final say on replanting with regard to species and sizes and that the two for one was appropriate as the yard is sizable and can contain twelve (12) trees based on a 2 for 1 replacement if Dr. Tucker were allowed to remove the remaining two (2) trees. Mrs. Krause reported that the tree over her yard made her very uncomfortable and Mr. Welch presented a letter stating that the City should focus on re-forestation rather than preserving aging trees in questionable health. The committee voted 5 to 1 in favor of allowing Dr. Tucker to remove the remaining trees and that the City arborist would determine the replanting plan.

Ayes: Anton, Travaille, Phillips, Myers, Kampe Noes: Akeman

6. Sub Committee reports:

c. harbor seals/ fencing and protection (ref: Akeman)

9. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m. Moved Mr. Kampe with a 2nd by Mr. Akeman unanimous approval.

Next meeting will be on March 25, 2008, 4:00 PM at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, 165 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove.