



**City of Pacific Grove
Beautification & Natural Resources Committee
Minutes of Meeting – April 29, 2008**

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

Staff: Martinez

Absent: None

Guests: None

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.
2. Approval of the Minutes of meeting held March 25, 2008.

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

3. Oral Communication: There was none.

4. Old Business:

A. Newsracks Update: Staff discussed the ongoing controversy regarding the racks between 14th and 15th in front of the new tile store. Staff will write letters to the various publications that are there and tell them the City intends to move the racks up the street by the bus stop. If the publications protest the City will not be able to move the racks. Ms. Anton told staff that the racks in front of the Post Office were not in the place that had been previously discussed. Staff agreed and said that moving the benches was an issue. The installation crew had been told to move them several feet to the east and did not follow that directive. Staff reported that the installation and moving the racks is quite a chore and takes quite a bit of time and manpower. The next site is Grove Market. A slab of concrete will need to be poured for that project. The following site is at the corner of Lighthouse and Forest at the carpet store. These racks will have to be customized.

Ms. Anton discussed the possibility of art work on the back side of the racks that face the street such as the one between 14th and 15th Streets. She will check with the High School art teacher to see if a mural project is possible.

B: Rip Van Winkle Parking: Staff reported that the Traffic Commission approved the the Rip Van Winkle parking plan after a site meeting. Staff will provide committee members with flyers to distribute for two weeks before staff begins the parking changes at the park. The work will be scheduled for the late spring/early summer.

C. Enforcement/compliance of replanting trees: Mr. Akeman took the committee through some history and the door to door survey he conducted in 2005. The new 2007 ordinance makes replant requirements very clear. The City needs to enforce it with follow up to see that replants are occurring. This is very important as we are losing mature trees. Staff stated they will welcome volunteer help. Letters are usually the routine with a follow up phone call. Mr. Akeman suggested starting the enforcement from the October 2007 permits as they are the first ones affected from the updated ordinance. Mr. Travaille volunteered to help with phone calls. Ms. Anton volunteered to help make copies of the the permits.

D. Mr. Kampe offered to re-word the brochure with regard to the neighborhood tree specific aspect. There was discussion on "adoption" of the brochure. Mr. Kampe asked for final feedback from the committee. He provided his draft of the language for the brochure that will encompass the programs.

E: City Tree list: Staff reported it is coming...

F: Rocky Shores Trail: NO Discussion.

G: BID: Staff re-reported the BID wants to spend \$2100 to replace the dirt in the Lighthouse Ave. median planters and that Staff has informed the BID it is an unnecessary expense. The dirt is not an issue, it is the trees. Staff asked Ms. Anton if she and her co-volunteers would like to help plant the medians. She said yes and it will begin May 19th. Ms. Anton recommended Santa Barbara daisies and Gazanias. Staff will make the purchases and stage the planters.

5 New Business:

A. Tree Permit Summary: Tree permit summaries were distributed for January, February, and March.

B. Elmarie Dyke Park: Staff discussed the potential of removing the fountain at Elmarie Dyke Park. Staff reported that repeated vandalism has rendered the fountain not viable for that location and recommended removing it to create a bigger area for ceremonies at the park. The committee in general did not care for the idea and recommended it be made into a planter with possibly a tree planted in the frame. Staff stated they will check with the City arborist about the viability of a tree.

6. Sub Committee reports:

A. Recycling – Mr. Myers made a report regarding new recycling containers for downtown. He had extensive discussions with the a gentleman whose company is of EcoPopDesign. He also reported that there have been five articles written and submitted to the *Hometown Bulletin*. Mr. Kampe, Mr. Myers, and Ms. Anton will meet to discuss new articles. They will focus on oil and oil filters. Staff reported

that clean up week sponsored by Waste Management is the first week of May and that staff will try to get an article out for the citizens and assure that the citizens have advanced notice for the September Clean Up, the 15th through the 19th.

B. Shoreline Signage (NOT tide pool): Ms. Anton reported that the signs will be ready in approximately two weeks.

7. Correspondence: None

8. Agenda items for next meeting: No new items were requested

9. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. Moved Mr. Akeman with a 2nd by Mr. Kampe

Next meeting will be on May 27, 2008, 4:00 PM at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, 165 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove.