



**City of Pacific Grove
Beautification & Natural Resources Committee
Minutes of Meeting – September 23, 2008**

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

Staff: Martinez, Katen

Absent: Myers

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.
2. Approval of the Minutes of meeting held August 26, 2008 with a spelling correction to 4D made to make; and text in 4E.

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

3. Oral Communication: There was none.

4. Old Business:

A. Newsracks Update: Newsracks for Grove Market is the next site for replacement.

B. Rip Van Winkle Park: Staff reported that they had to meet with the new head of the area (for CalFire) after having met with Mike Marlowe who was transferred shortly after Pacific Grove Fire and Public Works staff met with him. The project was put off for a month but CalFire is still looking for the city to correct the area.

C. Enforcement/compliance of replanting trees: Mr. Akeman reported that he and Mr. Travaille had completed the first round of compliance checks and that there were 45 properties checked with 15 having complied. Ms. Anton asked for a follow up to 122 16th Street and was told by staff that a letter had been sent to the homeowner. It was reported that 144 trees had been removed in the permits of the 1st round and 41 had been planted. The committee would like to see a higher rate of compliance.

D. Tree for PG brochure: The publication of this brochure is now with the City Manager. Mr. Kampe pointed out that in some statements regarding *Trees for PG* there is an indication that a memorial contribution assures the tree will be kept in perpetuity, thus

replaced by the City if it should fail. This is not that case and staff will see that this misinformation does not continue. A tree is replaced if it dies in its first year.

E: City Tree list: It still needs to be formatted. Staff will try to work with the city office assistants to get a basic formatting down for Mr. Kampe to work from.

F: Rocky Shores Trail: Nothing to report

G: BID: Staff reported the BID is going to submit its suggestions for some of the McIndoo funds.

H: Goals: Update accepted. Mr. Myers was absent so there was no update on the one the goals regarding plastic grocery bags and the local garbage company accepting them.

5. New Business:

A. Tree Permit Summary: Tree permit summary was distributed for September. Mr. Akeman again noted that the number of trees being removed is down.

B. Staff reported that some suggestions for use of the funds have been received. The committee will meet on October 14 at a special meeting to discuss the submissions.

C. Recreation Trail Bluff Repairs.

Staff gave an update on the status of the project. It is on time. It is due to be done by November 15, 2008. This item should be moved to old business.

D. 2001 Lighthouse Avenue Design Workshop

Staff asked the committee if upon review of the 2001 and the 1993 Lighthouse Avenue Design workshop if they would like to recommend that the City council adopt the concepts in the workshops for future use in improving the downtown Lighthouse Ave. area.

6. Sub Committee reports:

A. Recycling: No recycling update.

B. Shoreline Signage: Ms. Anton reported that Ms. Liz Love will be coming down with others to meet staff and make final determinations about sign placement and protection.

7. Correspondence – A letter from Thom Akeman to the PG City Council

8. Agenda items for next meeting - Cemetery

9. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm. Moved Mr. Akeman with a 2nd by Mr. Kampe

Next meeting will be on October 28, 2008, 4:00 PM at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, 165 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove.