



City of Pacific Grove
Beautification & Natural Resources Committee
Minutes of Special Meeting – October 14, 2008

Present: Committee members: Anton, Akeman, Kampe, Phillips, Travaille, Myers
Staff: Martinez
Absent: None
Guests: Ken Henshaw, Steve Honegger, and Ms. Marge from the Cedar Street Times

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

2. New Business: Discuss proposals for McIndoo estate funds and set some criteria for establishing a recommendation to the City Council for using the funds.

Staff reported that there were 28 proposals received. Staff separated the proposals based on their intent such as *Landscaping, and Parks and Restrooms*. Mr. Akeman asked if there was a possibility that some were missing as the one that he had submitted to City Hall was not in the packet. Staff reported that everything received at City Hall had been forwarded by the deputy City Clerk. Mr. Kampe opened by stating that he felt recommendations should be for projects that will have an enduring positive addition to the City. Mr. Myers thought the proposals should consider ongoing Public Works tasks. Mr. Kampe went on to state was it the intention of the committee to “parcel” the funds to more than one project. Mr. Akeman thought a package like the grounds keeping at Pt. Pinos Lighthouse was a good project. Staff recommended the committee go through the proposals and for the special meeting decide on areas for consideration such as landscaping, trees, etc. The meeting was then opened to public comment.

Mr. Henshaw presented on behalf of the Heritage Society Lighthouse Preservations Committee. The committee is working with the Lighthouse National Park Services to make a report for City Hall regarding the costs of refurbishing the Lighthouse building. The committee submitted a proposal for landscaping and renovating the fence to WWII era. He had photos that were presented to the committee. Mr. Honegger stated that the landscaping can be done with a volunteer corp and that the costs submitted a very accurate and the proposal is complete. Staff concurred. Mr. Akeman asked about water usage. Staff stated that the property had sufficient water for their project. Mr. Henshaw stated that head docent Nancy McDowell had turned off the water for conservation and so the grass and other plantings died. Mr. Kampe stated that the landscaping was very

appealing and doable with capital from the estate. Mr. Akeman asked about the timeframe for permits etc. Mr. Honegger stated it could take several months.

Mr. Akeman discussed his tree planting proposal. He thought that hiring a contractor to plant city trees that need to be planted and maintained by a contractor would help assure their viability, especially in light of the down sized Public Works staff. Stump grinding would be included. He projected about 100 trees. Ms. Anton mentioned that successful tree programs require dedicated money.

The committee liked the Business Improvement District proposal in particular items 3a and 3b. Mr. Akeman felt that capital expenses for the library should be handled by dedicated library funds. The committee thought that in general about capital projects for buildings.

Ms. Anton felt that several of the proposals under Miscellaneous should be sponsored by the Business Improvement District. Mr. Myers suggested finishing the Recreation Trail. Staff suggested that could take significantly more funding than the McIndoo funds.

At the end of the meeting all of the proposals had been reviewed and discussed and the committee had some general concepts of how to recommend spending the funds.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 with a motion by Mr. Kampe and a second by Travaille. Next meeting will be the regularly scheduled meeting for October on October 28, 2008 at 4PM in the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History.