



City of Pacific Grove
Beautification & Natural Resources Committee
Minutes of Meeting – October 28, 2008

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

Staff: Martinez

Absent:

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.
2. Approval of the Minutes of meeting held September 23, 2008 with spelling corrections

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

3. Oral Communication: There was none.

4. Old Business:

A. Newsracks Update: News racks for Grove Market is the next site for replacement. We are still awaiting the arrival of the racks for Forest and Lighthouse. Staff will have to customize them for that site as the manufacturer has not been responsive to the idea.

B. Rip Van Winkle Park: This continues to be a staff time issue with regards to completing the project in a timely fashion once the committee has alerted the users of the park of the changes. It is still a goal to be done before year end. Staff met with the new Cal Fire head.

C. Enforcement/compliance of replanting trees: Mr. Akeman reported that he and Mr. Travaille have contacted 72 properties. 21 replanted or paid in-lieu fees. An additional 3 aid in-lieu fees with no replants. 70% are in non compliance. There are 60 permittees remaining to be checked. Mr. Myers discussed the aspect of the code enforcement officer serving in some capacity similar to Mr. Akeman and Mr. Travaille. Staff responded that the code enforcement officer could indeed become part of the process once the violation has been identified and the applicant/permittee refuses to be compliant. Part of the problem is that the city has not been successful in hiring a code enforcement officer, and

now the position is being held. Mr. Akeman stated that the reluctant re-plant household will take advantage.

D. Lighthouse Ave. Design Charette Results: Staff presented to the committee the idea of sending to the City Council the two designs for downtown Lighthouse Avenue last month. Staff shared that this will allow projects in that area to move quicker through a process. Committee agreed to present to Council for approval/acceptance of the concepts.

E: McIndoo Bequest: Staff reviewed the process that the committee followed to establish criteria for the distribution of funds. The committee recommendations were in line with each other. The individual members thought the same proposals had merit. They supported the Improvement to the grounds of the Lighthouse, City wide tree replanting, and the Reconstruction of the intersection of Lighthouse and Forest Avenues. This recommendation will be presented along with staff recommendations to the council on November 19th, 2008.

F: Rocky Shores Trail: Nothing to report.

G: BID: Nothing to report.

H: Goals: Update accepted.

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.

6. Sub Committee reports:

A. Recycling: No recycling update.

B. Shoreline Signage: Ms. Anton reported that the signs are imminent.

7. Correspondence

8. Agenda items for next meeting

9. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm. Moved Mr. Kampe with a 2nd by Mr. Phillips
Next meeting will be on December 9, 2008, 4:00 PM at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, 165 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove.