



City of Pacific Grove
Beautification & Natural Resources Committee
Minutes of Meeting – December 8, 2008

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

Staff: Martinez

Absent:

Guest: Marilyn Beck

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.
2. Approval of the Minutes of meeting held October 28, 2008 with corrections

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

3. Oral Communication: Marilyn Beck, representing Sustainable PG, discussed the issue of random signs being placed in trees, power poles, etc. and the need to remove them as soon as possible. She presented the committee with a couple of signs and Public Works staff stated they would have the Police follow up on the advertisement. Staff let her know that they would remove the signs as they see them and as they are reported. She also asked about providing more recycling containers on Lighthouse Ave.

4. Old Business: *Before beginning OLD BUSINESS the Chair moved item 6A ahead in the agenda.*

6. Sub Committee reports:

A. Recycling: Mr. Myers and staff discussed the results of the audit that was conducted on the downtown Lighthouse Ave. trash containers. The containers were found to have approximately 65% recyclable materials. Further discussion was on the type of container(s) that should be purchased to help assure the recyclables are taken out of the waste stream. The committee will look at alternatives at their next meeting.

A. Newsracks Update: Grove Market racks were installed and have been vandalized. Conversation ensued regarding the length of time it is taking to get the racks placed. Staff discussed that part of the problem is the ordering and organizing of the racks. Mr. Akeman reported that one problem is that the Herald used to have a full circulation staff and now has a skeleton crew.

B: Rip Van Winkle Park: Staff reported that the changes to the parking area will be made on the Monday after Christmas and that it will be completed on New Years Eve. Flyers will be given to Ms. Anton who will pass them out to the committee and set the schedule for distribution to users of the park who drive to the park.

C. Enforcement/compliance of replanting trees: Mr. Akeman reported that he and Mr. Travaille have contacted 83 of 132 properties. 26 of the 83 have complied with their replant requirements. Ms. Anton stated an article in the paper should be placed and mentioned that to 122 16th Street as a prime example of non-compliance and development of their property so as to have no place to plant. Mr. Akeman said a letter sent out by staff is fine but it needs the information regarding the code violations and the fines with no compliance. Mr. Akeman and Mr. Travaille will continue with their task. An article will be written and submitted when all of the inspections are complete.

NO 4D

F: Rocky Shores Trail: Nothing to report.

G: BID: Nothing to report.

H: Goals: Update accepted. Committee brought up question of utility taxes versus sales tax for Nob Hill property. Staff will bring back an answer.

5. New Business:

A. Tree Permit Summary: Tree permit summary was distributed. Mr. Akeman again noted that the number of trees being removed is down. He also noted that all City trees removed are not always recorded.

Tree removed: 219 YTD versus 276 2007 versus 664 2005

6. Sub-committee reports:

B. Shoreline Signage: Ms. Anton reported that the signs are imminent. Manufacturing is expecting payment. The money is in the Museum Association bank accounts. \$5000 was received from HSBC and \$5000 from the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District.

7. Correspondence

Letter from Robert Huitt regarding the Recreation Trail

Thank you letter from Ken Hinshaw

8. Agenda items for next meeting

Cemetery

McIndoo bequest

9. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm. Moved Mr. Phillips with a 2nd by Mr. Myers

Next meeting will be on January 27, 2009 at 4:00 PM at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, 165 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove.