



**City of Pacific Grove
Beautification & Natural Resources Committee
Minutes of Meeting – January 29, 2009**

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

Staff: Martinez

Absent:

Guest: Lori Mannel, PGMNH Museum Director

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.
2. Approval of the Minutes of December meeting held with corrections
Motion by Mr. Myers to approve the minutes: seconded by Mr. Travaille

3. Oral Communication: None

4. Old Business:

A. Newsracks Update: Forest and Lighthouse is, we hope imminent. The blue rack in front of Washington Mutual is gone.

B: Rip Van Winkle Park: Ms. Anton reviewed City Council action for the committee. Mark Travaille and Thom Akeman were selected to represent the BNRC on the sub committee of the Traffic Commission. Mr. Laredo responded to Mr. Akeman regarding Open Space zoning and informed him that it has some protections. All agreed there is a need to pull the original deed. Mr. Akeman spoke to Vern Yeadon regarding the master plant survey and the conditions that existed in the park when it was deeded to the City. Mr. Akeman indicated he would look for it. Mr. Cowan has indicated he will serve on the committee as the botanist.

C. Enforcement/compliance of replanting trees: Mr. Akeman presented a summary of the work that he and Mr. Travaille have undertaken. The report underscores the need for the web site to be updated with the current municipal code. Staff indicated that this is an activity being spearheaded by City's legal counsel. Discussion revolved around the

replant requirements. Staff clarified that the public can make a request to the city arborist for a change in the required tree. Mr. Akeman and Mr. Travaille will continue their efforts. They are almost done. Mr. Akeman pointed out that the Buena Vista Land Corp. owns large complexes in town and has removed trees with minimal replacement. Staff will follow up with a letter to them.

D. McIndoo Estate: Staff updated committee on Lighthouse efforts and intersection of Forest and Lighthouse re: Stamped asphalt.

F: Rocky Shores Trail: Nothing to report.

G: BID: Nothing to report.

H: Goals: Added the Foghorn Building. Committee requested a site visit to be set up. Added Forest Ave. light posts with goal to paint them.

5. New Business:

A. Tree Permit Summary: Tree permit summary was distributed. Mr. Akeman noted 2008 220 trees were removed although he did not have September's. Staff needs to check into 514 Dennett and 1250 Miles for possible discrepancies in the permit.

B: Golf Course parking lot: Staff addressed the need for lights in the parking lot. People are falling. Mr. Travaille will work with staff regarding identifying appropriate lighting and fixtures.

C: The committee voted unanimously to support the improvements to the Pacific Grove Museum Native Garden. Mr. Travaille asked about the Buckeye tree and Ms. Mannel told him she had spoken with the city arborist and that it would be fine. Motion made by Mr. Travaille, seconded by Mr. Myers.

D: "Parallel Parking" signs along Asilomar Beach: Staff reported that the Traffic Commission was requesting the BNRC consider approving additional signage along the waterfront. The committee felt traffic enforcement is necessary and that the signs are not necessary. They felt the incidents brought up by the Traffic Commission do not occur that often and there is no need to clutter the ocean front with more signs. They moved to not recommend signs and encourage more enforcement. Motion by Mr. Akeman, seconded by Mr. Travaille. Unanimous Ayes.

E: Recreation Trail: Mr. Travaille stated that the asphalt is not as good looking as the decomposed granite but does see the positive with regard to the weather, i.e. rain and puddles. The committee discussed the aspect of a shared path. Mr. Travaille asked about signs regarding speeds and the possibility of signs stating concepts such as "take it easy". Staff will check with Monterey and other communities to see what kind of signage they use.

6. Sub-committee reports:

A: Recycling: 6A will be moved to 1:30 on February 24, 2009 to take in a tour of the Environmental Park in Marina. Mr. Myers will be the host and driver.

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

7. Correspondence

None

8. Agenda items for next meeting

Cemetery

9. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm. Moved Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Akeman
Next meeting will be on February 24, 2009 at 4PM at the Pacific Grove Museum of
Natural History, 165 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grov.