



City of Pacific Grove  
Beautification & Natural Resources Committee  
**Minutes of Meeting – February 24, 2009**

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

Staff: Martinez

Absent:

Guest: Marilyn Beck, Alan, Tegtmeier, Annette Chaplin

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.
2. Oral Communications: Marilyn Beck gave kudos to the Public Works department their efforts in recycling.
3. Presentation by Alan Tegtmeier re: Tree replant policy  
Mr. Tegtmeier presented to the committee the aspect of using fruit trees as a lower canopy tree replacement. He sited the idea of sustainability and the aspect of residents using replants as a food source. He asked if there was opposition to fruit trees and asked if the committee would consider this request from the community. Ms. Chaplin cited other cities in California that have this approach such as San Francisco, Oakland, and Berkley. She presented herself as being involved with Sustainable PG. She spoke to the opportunities to use creek beds and other sources of water that could be available for diversion and create urban gardens, in addition to gardens in private yards. The committee supported the concept in general and staff let Mr. Tegtmeier know that the approval of trees is within the purview of the city arborist..
4. Regular Agenda  
Approval of the Minutes of January meeting held with corrections in (typo) 4A, (spelling) 4B Yadon, (typo) 4C, correction of no replacement planted versus minimal with regard to the Buena Vista Land Corp. (addition) 4H paint lamp posts *a uniform color*, (addition) 5A *that in 2008, 220 trees were removed*, (typo) 5C, (typo) 5E, (addition) 6A *There was a brief discussion regarding recycling containers and agreement to place one downtown.*

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

5. Old Business:

A. Newsracks Update: Staff reiterated the newsrack projected is temporarily on hold as the publications are not willing to pay for the new racks. A new solution needs to be found, particularly for Forest and Lighthouse.

B. Rip Van Winkle Park: Mr. Travaille reported on the action of the sub committee to have a site visit and come up with a plan to present to the Traffic Commission at their April meeting.

C. Enforcement/compliance of replanting trees: Mr. Akeman stated that overall one third of the trees that are being removed are being replaced. The volunteer effort will cease and the last quarter of 2008 will be done by letter.

D. McIndoo Estate: Staff updated committee on Lighthouse efforts. The Lighthouse will have a site visit in April by the group that is going to prepare the 10 year plan. Staff will be meeting with Jeanne Anton regarding the Lighthouse/Forest Ave revamp.

E: Rocky Shores Trail: Nothing to report.

F: BID: Staff reported to the committee that the BID would like the trees on Lighthouse on year round. It is not feasible given the cost. Ms. Anton suggested trunks year round with LED lights, week-ends only, and full trees lit for the month of December.

H: Goals: Call B Rip Vqn Winkle Open Space  
D. Increase recycling containers on Lighthouse Ave. in **2009**  
H. Remove #2

5. New Business:

A. Tree Permit Summary: January was not available

B: Golf Course parking lot: Nothing to report.

C: The committee voted unanimously to support the memorial tree program along the waterfront. Mr. Travaille commented that trees have been removed in part by residents who do not want them. Staff stated they would start with the area in front of the American Tin Cannery.

D: Cemetery: The committee supported a scattering garden concept, a memorial wall, a pamphlet, and increased marketing. They suggested targeting groups such as Forest Hill Manor and Canterbury Woods. They talked about improvements to the tree line and landscape.

6. Sub Committee reports

A. Recycling: A recycling container has been placed downtown and will be monitored. The site visit to the Environmental park was a success.

B. Shoreline Steering: An email was sent to Liz Love regarding the signs.

7. Correspondence: A letter from Ms. Georgia Booth was distributed to the committee members.

8. Agenda items for next meeting: Site visit to the Foghorn building and the Cemetery.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 5:35pm.

Motion by Mr. Travaille to adjourn: seconded by Mr. Myers

Next special meeting will be on March 24, 2009 beginning at the Foghorn building at 3PM  
Next regular meeting will be on March 24, 2009 at 4PM at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, 165 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove.