

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

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

Staff: Martinez

Absent:

Guest: Abel Quinones, Judy Quinones, Georgia Booth, Barbara Thomas, Sally Moore, Shelia McGuire

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.
 2. Oral Communications: None
 3. Approval of Minutes with corrections, Motion by Mr. Akeman, Second from Mr. Travaille
4. Old Business:

A. Newsracks Update: This item will no longer be on the agenda until there is a change in the situation with regard to financing the new racks. Staff will continue exploring what can be done at the corner of Lighthouse and Forest Avenues.

B: Rip Van Winkle Park: Mr. Travaille reported the sub committee of the Traffic Commission would recommend to Council: 1) delineate four parking areas, 2) improve the surfaces, 3) confine the spaces that are created using boulders and logs, 4) ask Council to approve a long term plan for future delineating fences. The recommended action will require permission of the successors of Del Monte Properties and the Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks District as the recommend action will require the removal of three trees, two small oak trees and one hearty oak tree. Mr. Travaille expressed his concern of abuse of the area north of the proposed parking area on the west side of the Congress extension going toward the elementary school. Staff will assure signage is in place and drive in spaces are blocked. Mr. Akeman stated he felt all the issues had been aired out. Staff also indicated that any parking at the park is illegal and will have to be made legal.

C. Enforcement/compliance of replanting trees: Staff reported that the volunteer efforts had brought the compliance up to date with staff efforts for the final quarter of 2008 and the beginning of 2009 handled by mailed letters. Thanks to the volunteer efforts and staff follow up we are at 55% compliance up from 27% when the volunteers began their task.

D. McIndoo Estate: Staff updated committee on Lighthouse Preservationists LLC visit in . Staff is meeting is Jeanne Byrne in early April to do some site visits regarding options for the decorative crosswalks at Lighthouse and Forest Ave.

E: Rocky Shores Trail: Nothing to report.

F: BID: Nothing to report.

H: Goals: Discussed to painting of light poles on Forest, regarding color, black or a green, Committee visited the Foghorn building before the regular meeting. They asked staff to find the Foghorn building deed. Committee would like to explore demolition/refurbishing options.

5. New Business:

A. Tree Permit Summary: Reports Accepted

B: Golf Course parking lot: Mr. Travaille met with and architect to look at the drawings, HE suggested that the staff check the use permit. To his recollection lighting is not approved in the current use permit. He also noted that the lighting plan may well have to go before the Architectural Review Board, Planning Commission, and the City Council. It was suggested that the neighbors of the area be invited to the meeting of the BNRC when the topic is discussed for recommendation to the City Council for action.

C: Cemetery: The committee had a site visit and saw the areas staff would like to consider a scattering garden and/or a "Natural" burial area for cremains. They offered suggestions to staff regarding locations and future plantings. Reports will continue.

6. Sub Committee reports

A. Recycling: The committee would like to look at increasing the City's recycling efforts.

B. Shoreline Steering: Nothing to report.

7. Correspondence: A correspondence packet from Mr. Jim Willoughby was distributed to the committee.

8. Agenda items for next meeting: Mr. Akeman asked for Harbor Seal protection to placed at Ocean View Blvd. and 5th Street.

Mr. Katen the City Arborist took a moment to thank Mr. Akeman and Mr. Travaille for their help in checking compliance with regard to tree replants.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm.

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

Next regular meeting will be on April 28, 2009 at 4PM at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, 165 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove.