

City of Pacific Grove
Beautification & Natural Resources Committee (BNRC)
Minutes of Meeting – January 26, 2010

Present: Committee members: Akeman, Myers, Phillips, Travaille, Anton
Staff: Martinez, Katen
Guest: Robert Huitt, Barb Thomas, Sally Moore, Mary O'Connell, Mary Craft, Georgia Booth, Hal Laughlin, Jay Tully,

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm in the Education Room of the Museum

2. **Oral Communications:**
Mr. Obbink spoke to the noticing practices.
Ms. Moore spoke to noticing practices and posting of minutes.
Mr. Cowan spoke to the height of trees being considered when considering removal.
Closed Public Comment

3. **Approval of minutes:**
Corrections were made to the minutes
Motion to approve Ms. Anton, Second Mr. Phillips Approved 5 ayes

4. **Old Business**
A. Tree Ordinance
Sub committee presented their recommendations to the full committee. Sub committee consisted of Mr. Akeman, Mr. Myers, and Mr. Travaille. Article I Findings and Purpose – addition of a number 9 was proposed.
Section 12.16.280 Violations – Enforcement was proposed for changes worked out the City Attorney. It was suggested to strike the word “specimen” in a reference to “Specimen tree”. The committee discussed the intent and purpose of in-lieu fees. The committee recommended payment of in-lieu fees be allowed for property owners with room to plant on their property. The committee could not decide on whether the in-lieu fees should be paid for the number of trees that would be replacement trees or the number of trees actually removed. The sub committee recommended the addition of definitions for “Tree service contractor” and Tree trimming and removal services”
Public Comment was opened.
Mr. O'Connell spoke to removal of trees for views, the amount of the in-lieu fees and the violation fine, and modifying a tree on private property.

Mr. Cowan spoke to penalties and maintenance costs.

Ms. Booth spoke to the Very High Fire Safety Hazard Zone and water rationing.

Ms. O'Connell spoke to in-lieu fees, the definition "feasible", tree maintenance and replacement policies for trees that fall.

Ms. Moore spoke to the in-lieu fee and the memorial tree donation

Ms. Thomas spoke to irrigation.

Public Comment was closed.

Committee discussed the in-lieu fee of \$600.00 a tree and the \$500.00 Memorial Motion to forward recommendations and for the Planning Commission to review items in 12.16.210 Removal or Alteration – Development, Motion by Mr. Akeman, seconded by Mr. Myers – 5 ayes

6. Sub Committee reports: Downtown recycling bins:

Mr. Myers led a discussion with regards to the type of recycling bins to use downtown. It was decided to use split containers that will fit in the existing cement containers.

7. Correspondence

None

8. Agenda items for next meeting

Ms. Anton asked that "Goals" be placed back on the agenda.

**9. Motion to adjourn at 5:35pm. Moved by Mr. Akeman, seconded by Ms. Anton
5 ayes**