

PACIFIC GROVE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Museum Board Special Meeting

MINUTES

September 24, 2008

PRESENT: David Shonman (Chair); Geva Arcanin; Sharon Blaziek; John Pearse;

ABSENT: Judy Wills

STAFF: Lori Mannel

GUESTS: Dan Davis (City Council Liaison), Carmelita Garcia, Susan Goldbeck, Pat Herrgott, Sally Herrgott, Sharon Kirsch, Nancy McDowell (Lighthouse Docent Coordinator), Dan Miller, Dan Myers, Esther Trosow, Lee Willoughby, Vern Yadon (Curator Emeritus)

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was approved.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dan Miller asked if the Packard Grant had ever been approved by the Museum Board? He also asked how the Agenda was changed “at the last moment?”

Esther Trosow asked about the supporting information for the Packard Grant?

Lee Willoughby wanted Board members to state their names and the dates when they came onto the Board.

Dan Davis recommended that Council Policy 200-5 should be changed before other issues are considered.

III. BOARD COMMENTS:

IV. Environmental Science Field Class [Mannel]:

Museum Manager Mannel reported that biologist Jessica Griffiths will teach a class about Monarch butterflies for students (grades 8-12) during the first four Saturdays in November. Intellectual property will belong to the Museum. Costs will be covered by funds raised by Sustainable Pacific Grove's recent Global Climate Change event.

Public Comments:

Sally Hergott asked: If the class will be limited to PG students? How big will classes be? Will fees cover all costs?

V. Council Policy 200-5 [Mannel]:

Museum Manager Mannel described recommended changes to Council policy 200-5, including expanding area to the Central Coast.

Public Comments:

Vern Yadon mentioned that Mayor Flo Schaefer added the phrase "... shall be accredited by the American Association of Museums" but this should be changed to "shall strive for accreditation."

Dan Davis recommended that before Council Policy 200-5 is changed, the Museum should redo the Strategic Plan to show an analysis of existing conditions (SWOT), clarify its Vision and Goals, develop clearer objectives in the Mission Statement.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David Shonman
Chairman
Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History Board