

Museum Board Meeting June 16, 2010
Minutes

Present: Tama Olver, John Pearse (Chair), Sue Renz (Vice Chair), Esther Trosow, Ken Cuneo (City Council Liaison), Tom Frutche (City Manager), Carmelita Garcia (Mayor), Geva Arcanin (Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History Liaison)

Chair John Pearse called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

I. WELCOME OF NEW BOARD MEMBER AND COUNCIL LIAISON

John Pearse welcomed Tama Olver, new member of the board, and Ken Cuneo, new liaison from the City Council.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

As there were no objections to the agenda, it was approved.

In response to recent problems with preparation and posting of the agenda, the board agreed: Agenda items must be provided to the Chair by midnight on the Wednesday prior to the meeting. The agenda will be posted by Friday prior to the meeting by the secretary. The secretary offered to take responsibility for posting and preparation of meeting materials. Tom Frutche offered assistance with training in how to do so.

III. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

Esther Trosow nominated Tama Olver for Secretary and she was elected.

Esther Trosow nominated Sue Renz for Chair. John Pearse expressed willingness to have someone else take the position. Sue was elected.

Esther Trosow nominated John Pearse for Vice Chair and he was elected.

John conducted the meeting until 4 p.m. when Sue Renz was elected. Thereafter, Sue Renz took the chair.

We agreed that the Chair of the board and the chair of our meetings would participate in making motions and debate as well as vote.

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER

There were no formal comments, though Mayor Garcia participated in agenda items on development of the board's purpose and revision of city Procedure 200.5.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Esther Trosow moved "to accept the minutes of April 14" and the motion was adopted. Ester also moved "to accept the minutes of May 12" and the motion was adopted.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

VII. CORRESPONDENCE – None pending.

VIII. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Ken Cuneo expressed his willingness to do everything needed to support the board and his pleasure at the opportunity to serve as liaison. He noted that the Museum is one of the crown jewels of Pacific Grove.

IX. MUSEUM FOUNDATION LIAISON COMMENTS

Geva Arcanin noted the beginning of Science Camp, the opening of the upcoming deRome exhibit, and a new membership program with a current total of 561 members.

X. MUSEUM DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORTS

Tama Olver noted an error in the report based on a clerical mistake in information she provided to Lori Mannel: Museum Store volunteer hours in April were 144, not 44.

XI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – None.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Role and working of the reconstituted Museum Board Purpose Statement

In response to questions about whether city charter Article 26 constrains the board's ability to establish a purpose beyond the Museum (specifically to include the monarch sanctuary and the lighthouse) Mayor Garcia and

Councilman Cuneo both encouraged the board to be open to expanding the purpose.

The board discussed draft purpose statements proposed by John Pearse and Esther Trosow. The following motions adopted portions of both proposals and resulted in a final purpose statement (attachment 1 to these minutes):

Tama Olver moved that “monarch habitat in Pacific Grove” be included in our purpose statement and the motion was adopted.

Tama Olver moved that the specific wording would be “monarch habitat recognized by the Municipal Code” and the motion was adopted.

Tama Olver moved that “point 4 from the Pearse draft be included” and the motion was adopted.

Tama Olver moved that “advise the city on questions relating to the Pt. Pinos Lighthouse Restoration Committee” be included in the purpose statement and the motion was adopted.

John Pearse moved that “the word ‘updating’ be changed to the word ‘amending’ in point 3 of the purpose” and the motion was adopted.

Ken Cuneo agreed to reach out to people currently involved in lighthouse restoration and return to the board with an answer to the question: Who is in charge of the lighthouse?

B. Revision of Council Policy 200-5

Tama Olver moved that “Esther Trosow and Sue Renz form a sub-committee to summarize comments about policy 200-5” for consideration at the next meeting. The motion was adopted.

We agreed to set an objective to complete the revision of policy 200-5 at our next regular meeting.

C. Planning for the “mini-summit/planning session.”

This item is carried forward to a future unspecified meeting.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Amendment of the Operating Agreement and Lease between the City of Pacific Grove and the Museum Foundation of Pacific Grove.

The board reached consensus that the time “crunch” experienced in the need to approve amendments to the lease agreement seemed preventable as the need to submit a Nature Education Facilities Program grant was known in March, 2010.

Mayor Garcia responded to questions about the process of negotiating amendments to the lease agreement, the Nature Education Facilities Program grant, and plans for oversight of changes to the Museum that would be made with the grant money.

Board members noted two concerns regarding the amendment that allows events to serve alcohol when conducted during hours when the Museum is open to the public:

- Potential service of alcohol to minors
- Access to exhibits by the public during such events

The board also noted a concern about sales at the monarch sanctuary and the need for review of such plans by the board before they are implemented.

At the Mayor’s request, John Pearse agreed to report at the City Council meeting of June 16 on our progress toward development of a purpose, plans for revision of policy 200-5, and concerns about amendments to the lease agreement.

We also agreed to make a written report at a future date containing our opinion on each amendment.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Tama H. Olver
Secretary

Attachments:

- 1 Purpose statement adopted for the board
- 2 Museum Director’s report April 2010

ATTACHMENT 1

PURPOSE OF THE PACIFIC GROVE MUSEUM BOARD

The purpose of the Museum Board is to:

1. Serve as an informational conduit between the public, the Museum Foundation of Pacific Grove (Foundation), and the City of Pacific Grove's staff and City Council;
2. Advise the city on questions relating to the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, the Point Pinos Lighthouse Restoration Committee, and monarch advocacy issues, including monarch habitat recognized in the Municipal Code;
3. Participate in the ongoing development, amending, and implementation of the City and Foundation's lease agreement; and
4. Perform such other duties relating to the Museum and other City facilities, functions, or activities as the Council may require by ordinance or resolution.