



NOTICE OF MEETING

CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE BEAUTIFICATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

4:00 p.m., October 18, 2016

Council Chambers – City Hall – 300 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA

1. Call to Order

2. Public Comments

a. Written Communications

b. Oral Communications

Comments must deal with matters subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission that are not on the Agenda. Comments from the public will be limited to three minutes and will not receive Commission action. Whenever possible, letters should be submitted to the Commission in advance of the meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes

a. Approval of September 20, 2016 Meeting Minutes

4. Reports Not Requiring Action

a. Council Liaison Announcements

Reference: Councilman Peake

b. Public Acknowledgement

5. Unfinished/Ongoing Business

6. New Business

a. Feeding of Animals

b. Point Pinos Trail Project community group application

7. Commissioner's Reports

8. Staff Reports

9. Items for Next Agenda

10. Adjournment

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MINUTES

CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE BEAUTIFICATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

4:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Council Chambers – City Hall – 300 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA

Copies of the agenda packet are available for review at the Pacific Grove Library located at 550 Central Avenue; the CDD counter in City Hall at 300 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday; and on the internet at www.cityofpacificgrove.org/sites/default/files/beautification-and-natural-resources-commission. Recordings of the meetings are available upon request.

DRAFT MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jean Anton (C), Mary Flaig (VC), Frances Grate, Dave Myers, Kelly Terry, Thom Akeman (S)

STAFF PRESENT:

Daniel Gho, Albert Weisfuss

1. CALLED TO ORDER at 4 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

a. Written Communications:

Lynn Mason sent an email in support of keeping the pine tree at 66 17 Mile Drive.

b. Oral Communications:

Lisa Ciani, who helped with the coastal cleanup at Lovers Point over the weekend, said other than cigarette butts there were a lot of peanut shells on the ground. They possibly encourage others to illegally feed the wildlife and contribute to ground squirrel and rat populations.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of August 16, 2016

On a motion by Commissioner Grate, seconded by Commissioner Myers, the Commission voted 6-0 to approve.

4. REPORTS NOT REQUIRING ACTION

a. Council liaison announcements

Councilmember Bill Peake reported on issues for City Council and noted that people feeding wildlife is a problem.

b. Public acknowledgement

Commissioner Grate acknowledged Robert Pacelli for his contributions in the monarch sanctuary.
Grove.

She also acknowledged Public Works Director Daniel Gho for implementing sewer improvements the city has been waiting for for years.

Chair Anton acknowledged Public Works for its hard-working crews that respond to various projects and are seeing to the many city projects underway right now.

c. Berwick Park public art

Chair Anton noted the carving to turn twin Cypress tree snags into breaching whales has taken longer than expected and is now being painted to cover imperfections in the wood.

d. Monarch Sanctuary Management Plan update

Public Works Director Gho reported that a community walk through with City Arborist Albert Weisfuss and consultant Stuart Weiss was very successful and the state Department of Fish and Wildlife official on that walk approved this year's plan to remove three dead Monterey pines, a dead Eucalyptus and some smaller trees. The removals started Sept. 20, he said.

e. Tree replant letter update

Public Works Director Gho reported that 150 letters sent out in August resulted in 85 replies, 15 of whom have complied their replant obligations and 25 that said they are in the process of replanting. The others are still pending.

5. UNFINISHED/ONGOING BUSINESS

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Tree appeal at 66 17 Mile Drive

City Arborist Weisfuss said he denied a property owner's request to remove a Monterey pine in front of the house because he didn't find it to

be a “high risk” tree that warrants removal, as defined in our tree ordinance. He found it to be a low risk tree worth monitoring as it is more than 50% viable and significant to neighborhood aesthetics. If it fails it’s likely to fall towards the street without striking structures or power lines, he said. A concrete walkway into the house that is mounding because of tree roots could be safely moved away from the roots.

Property owner Mary Font said she and her husband are concerned about public safety and the tree’s ability to fail. They have watched it changing for the past 18 months – pushing up the walkway with surface roots and starting to lean – and a neighbor called the danger to their attention, she said. The Fonts hired an independent arborist to evaluate the pine and he found it is failing and qualifies as a hazardous tree.

During public comment, Cosmo Bua supported the city arborist’s denial of a removal permit.

Commissioners discussed it and none could see an immediate hazard. On a motion by Commissioner Akeman, seconded by Commissioner Grate, the commission voted 6-0 to keep the tree and support the city arborist’s denial for removal.

7. COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS

Commissioner Flaig reported on a recent Urban Greening Grant Workshop that present 15 projects for some very interesting discussions.

Chair Anton noted that the fundamental idea is to trap rainwater for landscape irrigation.

8. STAFF REPORTS

None.

9. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA (October 18, 2016)

a. The accumulation of nut shells in shoreline parks and the illegal feeding of wildlife.

b. Update on city sewer and stormwater projects.

10. ADJOURNED at 4:38 p.m.



CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE

AGENDA REPORT

TO: Beatification and Natural Resource Commission
FROM: Daniel Gho, Public Works Director
MEETING DATE: October 18, 2016
SUBJECT: Selection of Sub Committee for Point Pinos Trail Project
CEQA: Does not constitute a "Project" under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines

RECOMMENDATIONS

Approve the use of the application form and selection process.

DISCUSSION

The City of Pacific Grove has initiated the Point Pinos Trail project and has begun the preliminary study with the contractor, The Trail People. As part of the project the City will be developing a Sub-Committee to review conceptual designs, alternatives and be part of the overall study.

The City has received inquiries about the project from members of the community and feels that the best approach to selection of the Sub-Committee is to have interested person complete the attached application and submit it to the City Clerk by Monday November 7, 2016 by close of business.

Upon receipt of the applications and the closing date the City will then prepare a staff report and will bring the applications back to the BNRC for selection at the November BNRC meeting. At that time the BNRC can determine the amount of members to appoint to the Sub-Committee, ideally no less than three, but no more than 5. The Sub-Committee will also be staffed by a Public Works staff member.

OPTIONS

1. Provide an alternative selection process
2. Provide alternative dates for submission of application

ATTACHEMENTS

1. Application

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Gho". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Daniel Gho
Public Works Director



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**Application for Appointment to a
Public Board, Commission, or Committee**

Persons interested in being appointed to serve on a board, commission, or committee of the City of Pacific Grove are invited to complete the following application.

Name:

Street Address:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Residence Telephone Number:

Work Telephone Number:

E-Mail Address:

Name of Board, Commission, or Committee on which you would like to serve:

Brief Description of Background and Qualifications (Additional Information May Be Attached on Separate Sheets): ATTACHMENT OF A RESUME IS DESIRABLE.

I hereby certify that I am a registered voter of the City of Pacific Grove (not required for EDC appointees)

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

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Appointed to: _____

Date of Appointment: _____

Expiration: _____

Date of Reappointment: _____

End of Term: _____

Date Certification of Appreciation Awarded: _____