



NOTICE OF MEETING

CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE

BEAUTIFICATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

MEETING AGENDA

4:00 p.m., November 15, 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 October 18, 2016 Meeting Minutes

4. Reports Not Requiring Action

a. Council Liaison Announcements

Reference: Councilman Peake

b. Public Acknowledgement

5. Unfinished/Ongoing Business

a. Don't Feed the Animal Signs

b. Tree Replant Compliance Letter Updates

6. New Business

a. Point Pinos Trail Project subcommittee 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, October 18, 2016

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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

1. CALLED TO ORDER at 4 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

a. Written Communications:

Anthony Ciani endorsed public involvement on proposed Point Pinos Trail Project committee.

Lisa Ciani outlined the harmful effects of feeding wildlife, particularly the ground squirrels that contribute to coastal erosion.

b. Oral Communications:

None

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of September 20, 2016

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

4. REPORTS NOT REQUIRING ACTION

a. Council liaison announcements

Councilmember Bill Peake reported on recent city council actions, including an extension of a contract with Tope's Tree

Service and plans to review the status of tree safety in six months.

b. Public acknowledgement

Chair Anton commended resident Frank Pierce, an 84-year-old retired archeologist who has taken it upon himself to restore the old wooden street signs in Pacific Grove. He has completed more than 130 to date. Public Works Director Gho said it is work the city couldn't do without Frank's volunteer effort. He said Frank is also doing GPS mapping of the memorial benches in the city to help Public Works smooth out problems.

c. Sewer infrastructure updates

Public Works Director Gho said the funding for the local water recycling project was approved today so the city has started finishing the work to get the golf course off potable water supplied by the California-American Water Co. He also reported that the work on the stormwater capturing project is almost completed, with all the infrastructure now below streets. The new diversion system under Central Avenue beside Greenwood Park operated during the rains last weekend and performed flawlessly, Gho said, keeping the "first flush" out of Monterey Bay. In addition, work on the Lovers Point diversion project is well underway.

5. UNFINISHED/ONGOING BUSINESS

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Feeding animals

Commissioners discussed signage that might discourage people who feed ground squirrels and other wildlife, a long-time problem that in particular causes an overpopulation of burroughing animals that contribute to shoreline erosion. Commission Terry suggested school children might help with more effective signage. Commissioner Flaig reported on an Arizona company working on food which contains contraception for animals.

During public comment, Lisa Ciani urged concentrated efforts because feeding wildlife harms animals, can harm people and is a huge issue for erosion.

b. Point Pinos Trail Project community group application

Public Works Director Gho said design work has begun on connecting the coastal trail between Asilomar and Esplanade Park and a public review committee should review the contractor's plans and discuss alternatives before the city requests a state Coastal Commission permit. .

He suggested three to five people who could apply to the city clerk by Nov. 7, be reviewed by the BNRC and appointed by the city manager.

The commission approved the committee formation 6-0 on a motion by Commissioner Akeman, seconded by Commissioner Flaig.

7. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Commissioner Terry reported the "first flush" water sampling occurred at 3 a.m. this past Sunday, awakening volunteers who collect water samples along Monterey Bay. It appears Pacific Grove diverted its rain runoff this time, leading other cities on the projects to keep pollution out of the bay.

Commissioner Grate said the watering system in the Monarch Grove Sanctuary needs improvements to keep the plants healthy.

8. STAFF REPORTS

Public Works Director Gho reported requests have gone out for environmental review for a new restroom at the butterfly sanctuary and for the public overlook proposed at Lovers Point, moving those projects along.

9. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA (November 16, 2016)

- a. Point Pinos Trail Project committee
- b. Signs to restrict feeding wildlife
- c. Update on compliance with tree planting requirement

10. ADJOURNED at 5:01 p.m.



CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE

AGENDA REPORT

TO: Beautification and Natural Resource Commission
FROM: Daniel Gho, Public Works Director
MEETING DATE: November 15, 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

Receive report

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 had received inquiries about the project from members of the community and felt that the best approach to the selection of the Sub-Committee is to have interested person complete applications that had to be submitted to the City Clerk by Monday November 7, 2016 by close of business.

The City has received 7 applications from members of the public to be part of the Sub Committee. It is the recommendation of the myself and the City Manager that the city approve all applications and have the subcommittee be comprised of 7 members of the public.

The Public Works Department will be contacting the applicants and scheduling the first meeting.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Daniel Gho
Public Works Director