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CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE
BEAUTIFICATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
4:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 16, 2016

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

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**DRAFT MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Kelly Terry

**STAFF PRESENT:**
Jessica Kahn

**1. CALLED TO ORDER at 4 p.m.**

**2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**a.** Commissioners nominated Jean Anton for Chair, Mary Flaig for Vice Chair and Thom Akeman for Secretary. Commission voted 5-0 to approve all nominations.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**a.** Written Communication: Ron Johnston, expressing his concerns about big trees near development. (Commissioners discussed and agreed by consensus the current city ordinance provides remedies for big trees deemed hazardous. An email from the city arborist indicated he isn't seeking any changes in the ordinance at this time.)

**b.** Oral Communication: None

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of Dec. 15, 2015**

On a motion by Commissioner Grate, seconded by Commissioner Flaig, the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the minutes.

**5. REPORTS NOT REQUIRING ACTION**

**a. Council liaison announcements**

Council Member Bill Peake stated the City Council has reaffirmed the cultivation of marijuana is illegal; Jessica Kahn has secured state grant funding for new trash receptacles downtown and at Lovers Point; the city is looking at options to deal with five places of shoreline erosion close to the recreation trail along Ocean View Boulevard, between Esplanade and Otter Point; the council will hold a joint meeting with the Planning Commission Feb. 24 on the local coastal plan.

**b. Public acknowledgement**

Chair Anton extended a public welcome to Acting City Manager Ben Harvey.

**c. Review of commission goals**

Chair Anton presented a draft of this year's goals. Commissioners discussed them, tweaked, deleted and added. The revised list will be back for adoption at the next meeting on March 15.

**6. UNFINISHED/ONGOING BUSINESS**

**a. Landscape guidelines and plant palette: Adoption**

**Reference:** Jessica Kahn, Environmental Programs Manager, reported that the Planning Commission and City Council has seen the revised and decided it should be adopted for guidance, not as an ordinance. Chair Anton noted local photos had been added. Commissioner Grate said monarch butterflies are now shown on native plants, not milkweed. Commissioner Flaig called it a terrific resource for people.

Public comment: Sally Moore noted this version still contains language calling for an ordinance, not just a guidance document.

Adoption: On a motion by Commissoner Grate seconded by Commissioner Flaig, commissioners voted 5-0 to adopt the plan as corrected.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

None

## 8. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Commissioner Flaig reported on the local coastal plan hearing last week that was focused on zoning. Commissioner Akeman discussed harbor seals along the shoreline. Commissioner Grate invited everyone to see the monarch butterflies as the females are starting to leave for the season. Commissioner Myers reminded everyone the regional dump has mulch available from untreated lumber.

## 9. STAFF REPORTS

None

## 10. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA (March 15, 2016)

Commission goals for adoption; harbor seals update; city update of Lovers Point access project, tree replanting where the eucalyptus were removed at the golf course and the water recycling projects.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.