



MINUTES

CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE BEAUTIFICATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 21, 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) (Absent: Kelly Terry)

STAFF PRESENT:

Daniel Gho, Jessica Kahn, Anastazia Aziz

1. CALLED TO ORDER at 4 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

a. Written Communications:

Tony Ciani asked that removal of all major and mature native plants in the coastal zone, not just native trees, require both coastal and tree-removal permits.

b. Oral Communication:

Roland Rose said Davey Tree Service recently trimmed trees on Asilomar Avenue for PG&E and left behind a mess of tall stumps and debris on the ground. He asked who cleans up after PG&E. (Public Works Director Gho said the city regularly contacts PG&E about such things and often has to clean them up.)

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of May 17, 2016

On a motion by Commissioner Grate, seconded by Commissioner Myers, the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the minutes with three minor corrections.

4. REPORTS NOT REQUIRING ACTION

a. Council liaison announcements

Councilmember Bill Peake reported the City Council has adopted a fiscal budget, is considering two tax measures to present to voters, approved 14-foot netting

where eucalyptus trees were removed on a golf course border, approved a new car show downtown and approved the Carmel Film Festival's use of Lovers Point for a dinner.

b. Public acknowledgement

Chair Anton acknowledged Chamber of Commerce President Moe Ammar for helping with a project to convert tree stumps in Berwick Parks to sculptures of breaching whales.

5. UNFINISHED/ONGOING BUSINESS

a. Local Coastal Program: Land Use and Implementation Plans - Major Vegetation

Senior Planner Anastazia Aziz said the Local Coastal Plan going through city processes defines "major vegetation" as native trees described in the city's tree ordinance. Removal in the coastal zone would require both a city and a coastal permit.

After discussions, the commission voted 4-1 (Commissioner Grate dissenting) to accept the report as presented.

b. Review of Commission Goals

Chair Anton reviewed the goals adopted earlier and after discussion, commissioners agreed the current list is fine.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Magic Carpet (*Mesembryanthemum crystallinum*) west of Lovers Point

Chair Anton reported she has discussed forming a committee to oversee maintenance of the city's "Magic Carpet" and City Manager Ben Harvey was very agreeable, suggesting Planning Commission Chair Bill Frederickson be involved after his work on the local coastal plan is completed.

7. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Commissioner Grate reported she has provided time-release fertilizer to the city volunteer to place on the nectar plants in the Monarch Sanctuary.

Chair Anton reported work on the Berwick Park tree-stump sculpture is to start any day and should take four to five days to complete.

8. STAFF REPORTS

a. Lovers Point Watershed Project

Environmental programs manager Kahn reported the recent tree inventory and landscape planning are going into the stormwater clean-up proposal to be discussed at an Urban Greening Workshop August 23rd. A location for the workshop has yet to be determined.

9. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA (July 19, 2016)

Commissoner Grate asked for an update on the tree replanting program discussed last month.

Public Works Director Gho said a subcommittee will be needed to review plans to connect the Great Tide Pool with Esplanade Park, first proposed in 2012, and that should be coming to the August or September agenda.

10. ADJOURNED at 4:50 p.m.