



## NOTICE OF MEETING

# CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE BEAUTIFICATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

4:00 p.m., July 19, 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 June 21, 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. Allowing dogs in Elmarie Dyke Open Space**

**Reference:** Tony Campbell, Cottage Veterinary Care

**7. Commissioner's Reports**

**8. Staff Reports**

**a. Update on required tree replants**

**Reference:** Daniel Gho, Public Works Director

**9. Items for Next Agenda**

**10. Adjournment**

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CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE  
 BEAUTIFICATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION  
 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 21, 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](http://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, 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 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 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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.

Cottage Veterinary Care has seen steady growth since we purchased the business in October 2012 and we are looking to expand. There is the possibility that we could create a 24hr specialty hospital in the northern portion of 612 Lighthouse Ave. In speaking to the buildings new owner he raised concern to the fact that 95% of the lot is built upon, leaving no area for dogs to be walked. We had already considered Elmarie Dyke Open Space for this very purpose. With negotiations moving forward we are looking to work with the City of Pacific Grove to gain a variance that would allow dogs to be in Elmarie Dyke Open Space.

We expect to triple our operation which currently is approximately 20 patients per 10hr day. Being not all patients are dogs, the amount of dogs that would possibly be moving through the open space would be <6 dogs per/hr. One way we hope to gain a variance is by ensuring the removal of waste (anything not within city maintained trash/ recycling receptacles) off all the grounds of both Elmarie Dyke Open Space and Chautauqua Hall minimum once per/day. Except for excessive waste not related to Cottage Veterinary Care's operations, all waste will be disposed of in Cottage Veterinary Care's trash. Cottage Veterinary Care would provide removal of waste material including but not limited to pet waste/feces, trash/litter not deposited in waste receptacles left by park users, and wild animal feces (for example raccoon and deer feces which may contain parasites that create public health concerns). In addition to waste removal, we would be able to offer monthly landscaping to assist in keeping Elmarie Dyke Open Space clean and beautiful.

Our plan is to convert 612 Lighthouse into one of the west coast's premiere 24hr veterinary specialty hospitals. We would be able to provide services only found at UC Davis and draw clients from as far away as the Bay Area or even San Luis Obispo. Clients traveling from such a distance are more than likely going to stay overnight, possibly shop and at minimum eat out locally. These very same clients may fall in love with Pacific Grove and return to vacation. We are fully confident that the hospital Kim and I envision would create a significant boost to the economy of Pacific Grove. We would also have a retail space for veterinarian approved care items, toys and treats which will increase taxable transactions.

Thank you for your consideration,

Tony Campbell and Kimberly Wilkins, DVM

Cottage Veterinary Care  
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