MINUTES

CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE
BEAUTIFICATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
4:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 17, 2015
Council Chambers — City Hall — 300 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA

DRAFT MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

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

COUNCIL LIAISON: Council Member Bill Peake present

STAFF PRESENT: Jessica Kahn

1. **CALLED TO ORDER** at 4:00 p.m.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
   a. Written Communication: None

   b. Oral Communications: None

3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
   a. On a motion by Commissioner Flaig, seconded by Commissioner Terry, the Commission voted 5-0-0 to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

4. **REPORTS NOT REQUIRING ACTION**
   a. **Council Liaison Report**
   Council Member Bill Peake reported that City Council approved the installation of medians near Eardley and Central Avenues. There will be a Local Coastal Plan workshop on November 20 in the a.m. Tree permit fees were increased. The storm drain and sewer project at and around Greenwood Park will begin soon. The project will repair leaking sewer lines and install a trash collector near Greenwood Park.

   b. **Monarch Tagging Presentation**
   Ann Wasser, Director of Education at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History gave a presentation about tagging monarch butterflies. The purpose of this project was to gather baseline data to find out how climate change will affect monarchs. This tagging project involved middle and high school students as well as students from Cal Poly. They

tagged in Pacific Grove, Andrew Molera State Park, and a site in Big Sur. The project also involved testing the butterflies' parasite load in conjunction with the University of Georgia. Additionally, the museum has been involved in seed distribution. The seed packets are labeled "Central Coast Pollinator Mix" and do not include milkweed.

c. **Landscape Guideline and Plant Pallette**
Oona Johnson presented this document which provides guidelines for landscape design, maintenance, and planting practices. It is complementary to the landscape ordinance. Its goals are to encourage landscapes that fit with the natural conditions of Pacific Grove, conserve water, promote healthy soils, use integrated pest management, reduce storm water flows and pollutants, protect and enhance native plant and wildlife habitat and diversity.

d. **Public Acknowledgement**
Commissioner Anton acknowledged Congressman Sam Farr on his retirement.

5. **UNFINISHED/ONGOING BUSINESS**

None

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Tree Appeal for 1255 Shell Avenue**
Al Weisfuss, City Arborist presented first. He recommended removal of three cypress trees located at 1255 Shell Avenue. He said that due to prior trimming, the trees had become hazardous.

Appelant Susan Pierszalowski stated that the trees appear healthy and that the arborist's reports were difficult to obtain and read and asked that the trees be spared.

Resident Amy Tomlinson asked that the trees be allowed to be taken down as she considers them a safety concern.

The following members of the public spoke in favor of removing the trees: Jen Burgarin, Sally Moore

The following members of the public spoke against removing the trees: Lynn Mason (with a letter from Cosmo Bua), Barbara Knight-Potter, Heidi Welch, Mike Potter, Bonnie Pieper

As it became apparent that three commissioners favored removal of the trees and denial of the appeal (Commissioners Anton, Flaig, and Myers) and two commissioners were against removing the trees and for the appeal (Commissioners Grate and Terry), Commissioner Anton suggested that as a compromise the two lesser trees be allowed to be removed and the single dominant tree be preserved.

Commissioner Grate moved to save the dominant tree and allow removal of the other two trees. Commissioner Grate seconded. Motion carried 4-1-0. Mr. Weisfuss stated that he would like to change the recommendations for replanting.

7. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Grate praised Ann Wasser's efforts and reported that Public Works has planted Euryops trees and has put up new signs at the Monarch Sanctuary asking people to stay on the trail and not to swing on the ropes. Commissioner Flaig praised Sustainable Pacific Grove for doing a wonderful job with their presentation and panel on sea level rise, attended by over 80 people on November 11.

8. STAFF REPORTS

None

9. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Commissioner Anton requested a report on signage on the Recreation Trail and on the proposed "No Lifeguard on Duty" sign at Lovers Point. Commissioner Anton will be absent at the January meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Kelly Terry Date