



# MINUTES

## CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE

### PLANNING COMMISSION

6:00 p.m., Thursday, July 16, 2015

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**1. Called to Order - 6:00 p.m.**

**2. Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Robin Aeschliman, Bill Bluhm (Vice-Chair), Jeanne Byrne, , Donald Murphy, Mark Chakwin (Secretary),

Commissioners Absent: Bill Fredrickson (Chair), Nicholas Smith

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**a. June 18, 2015**

**On a motion by Commissioner Aeschliman, seconded by Commissioner Chakwin, the Commission voted 5-0-2 (Commissioners Fredrickson and Smith absent) to approve the minutes. Motion carried.**

**4. Public Comments**

**a. Written Communications**  
None received.

**b. Oral Communications**  
None received.

**5. Items to be Continued**

**a. None.**

**6. Consent Agenda**

**a. None.**

**7. Regular Agenda**

**a. Hopkins Marine Station History and Role in Shoreline Research and Protection**

**Reference:** Dr. Stephen Palumbi, Director, Hopkins Marine Station, Stanford University

**Recommended Action:** Receive as information

Dr. Palumbi gave an overview of the Hopkins Marine Station, the institution's mission and role in the community. He clarified that Hopkins monitors wave levels in Monterey Bay, but not sea level rise. He also stated that over the last century sea level has risen approximately 8" and that wave energies appear not to be increasing, but more storms are expected. Storm wave height and resultant damage caused may become more of an issue.

**b. Local Coastal Program Update – Draft Land Use Plan Review**

**Project Description:** Continue the review and comment period for the Local Coastal Program Draft Land Use Plan.

**CEQA Status:** Statutory Exemption

**Reference:** Mark Brodeur, Director

**Recommended Action:** Provide guidance and policy review on draft Land Use Plan.

**Continued from 06-18-15.**

The Vice-Chair opened the meeting and the following public comments were received:

- Thom Akeman spoke of fencing and seal pupping;
- Marion Morelli of the Monarch Pines mobile home park reiterated points in her July 13, 2015 letter;
- Dr. Palumbi spoke of the Hopkins fence and protection of the seals. He also spoke of the ice plant cover and how it prevents erosion and sediment filled runoff from entering the bay;
- Inge Lorentzen Daumer stated the current Hopkins fencing works well;
- Jane Haines reiterated points in her June 29, 2015 letter;
- Judy Cole of Monarch Pines reiterated points in her July 13, 2015 letter;
- Bruce Obbink spoke of reducing trail and golf course conflicts;
- Tony Ciani recapped points in his July 16, 2015 letter;
- Lisa Ciani recapped points in her July 14, 2015 letter;
- John Pearce spoke of Pacific Grove's unique sense of place and to capture that more effectively in the Plan.

The public comment period was then closed.

The Planning Commission discussed the May 2015 Draft Land Use Plan starting at Section 3.4.10 and completed review of the document.

After a detailed discussion of the remainder of the document, the Planning Commission discussed public participation, including a possible workshop, and timeline of the Coastal Commission grant and deliverables. The grant currently expires on April 30, 2016.

**On a motion by Chakwin, seconded by Byrne, the Commission voted 5-0-2 to**

**request an extension of the grant and hold at least one workshop meeting on the Draft Land Use Plan. The motion carried.**

**8. Acceptance of Minutes from Other Bodies**

- a. June 24, 2015 Historic Resources Committee

**On a motion by Commissioner Aeschliman, seconded by Commissioner Chakwin, the Commission voted 5-0-2 to accept the minutes. Motion carried.**

**9. Reports of PC Subcommittees**

Staff stated the Landscape Plan for 631 Ocean View Blvd is still outstanding.

**10. Reports of PC Commissioners**

Commissioner Murphy requested the Planning Commission discuss artificial turf and its applications.

Commissioner Aeschliman stated former Pacific Grove planner Jill Miller is in a wild stage production at Monterey Peninsula College.

**11. Reports of Council Liaison**

Councilmember Huitt stated Council discussed solar permitting, SiFi networks proposal, and reviewing the short-term rental ordinance.

**12. Director's Report**

- a. Staff stated a preliminary concept for hotel at 157 Grand Ave was submitted to the City and was discussed at the July 14, 2015 Architectural Review Board. No official permit application is on file.
- b. Staff stated there will be a Local Coastal Program Archaeology Talk on Thursday, August 20, 2015 at 9:30 am at Lovers Point Park.

**13. Adjourned at 9:15pm. Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 6, 2015 at 6pm at Council Chambers.**

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**APPROVED BY PLANNING COMMISSION:**

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Mark Chakwin, Secretary

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Date

