



**CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE**  
**BEAUTIFICATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, April 16, 2019, 4:00 P.M.

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

Meeting called to order at 4:00pm

1. Roll call; all members present except Colleen Goldsmith
2. Approval of April Agenda, unanimous 6-0
3. Approval of March Minutes, approval unanimous 6-0 with correction of 6a '600,000 species' to '600,000 specimens'
4. Written and Oral communication
  - a. Written communications (emails to BNRC) Acknowledgement of Steve Thomas email on George Washington Park and Colleen Ingram of Non-Toxic PG
  - b. Oral communication at meeting: Colleen Ingram of Non-Toxic PG; change of date request to 5/27 (Rachel Carson birthday) verse 4/22 (Earth Day) for discontinued use of Glyphosate in Pacific Grove. Asked for areas that are currently pesticide free to be posted.
5. Presentations; none
6. Reports not requiring action
  - a. Council Liaison; Nick Smith notified BNRC Chair of absence
  - b. Public Acknowledgement:
    - i. Perkins Park clean-up event, well communicated and well attended resulting in big impact, significant weeding, edging, and debris was eliminated. Thank you to Amy Colony.
    - ii. Volunteer Dinner, very nicely put together by Amy Colony.
    - iii. Thom Akeman, congratulations on being the volunteer of the year for the work he does with the Harbor Seals and sitting on the BNRC.
7. Items Requiring Action
  - a. Tree Appeal 1059 Jewel Ave. (1) Presentation/findings given by staff (Public Works and City Arborist) (2) Presentation given by appellant (Nicholas and Theresa Petridis) (3) Public comment; John Dillion, Arlene Hardenstein, Jeff Edmunds, Ray Lake and Garrett Cross – all in favor to have tree removed. (4) Brought back to commission for vote; final vote 5 (in favor to uphold decision of city arborist – 1 (David Myers, opposed to uphold decision of city arborist).
  - b. Update of Single Use Plastic Ordinance. (1) Presentation from Milas (2) Public Comment: Colleen Ingram; add language that utensils only be available by request and possibly charging for SUD's. (3) Commission: Final vote unanimous 6-0 to move ordinance forward to council, with addition of; correction on number(s) and wording, addition of plastic bags (example: dry-cleaning bags).
8. Unfinished Ongoing Business: None
9. New Business: None
10. Commissioners Report: (1) Thom Akeman; Follow up on George Washington Park, number of trees suggested in GWP subcommittee report was determined from report given by Rec Board which stated expansion of the field would be to 225 ft. GWP subcommittee simply measured extending the outfield to 225 ft and counted the trees that would be affected. (2) Thom Akeman; Harbor Seal pupping update, about 34 successful births to-date. Thank you to Public Works for



attention to detail during installation of fencing. Probably 2 additional weeks of birthing remain.  
(3) David Myers; Trex is no longer making composite decking out of plastic film bags, due to poor integrity of finished product.

11. Staff Announcements

- a. Arbor Day: Stay tuned events will be posted in weekly PG summary email blast
- b. Gull Abatement: PG will embark on its 4<sup>th</sup> year of a 5 year gull reduction strategy. Next year gull abatement will be brought back to council to be evaluated. Side Note: take down any personal flags used for gull abatement, if left up all year long they are not effective as the gulls get used to them.

12. Items for Next Agenda:

Meeting Adjourned; 5:13pm

Minutes prepared by:

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4/19/2019  
Date

\*Minutes taken by Lindsay Jacob for absence of Secretary, Colleen Goldsmith