



CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE  
BEAUTIFICATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, July 16 , 2019, 4:00 P.M.  
Council Chamber – City Hall – 300 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA

**1. CALL TO ORDER AT 4 PM.**

**2. ROLL CALL**

Beautification and Natural Resources Commission Members: Jeanie Anton, Chair; Dave Myers;

Thom Akeman; Colleen Goldsmith; Rebecca Lee; Kelly Terry; Lindsay Jacob

**3. Approval of July Agenda**

Unanimous approval of Agenda

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Unanimous approval of June 18 Minutes with corrections noted as follows: 5 a. spelling of word Round

Up to Roundup (and wherever word Roundup appears in minutes); 5 a. correct spelling of name

Polkable to Polkablā ; 5 b. change wording to say "she says" under comment by Lorna Moffett; 8 , 2.

Rebecca Lee addition that she offered to provide photos of good weeds to Public Works; 11 a. change

to insert " Coastal Commission" instead of "city" and delete word "rope"

**5. Public Comments**

a. Written Communications: None

b. Oral Communication:

1. Lisa Ciani noted trash pickup improvement at Lovers Point; issue with ground squirrel population with request for city follow- up to address squirrel excavations and holes along rec trail

**6. No Presentations**

**7. Reports Not Requiring Action**

a. Council Liaison Nick Smith absent; Mayor Bill Peake noted status of Library Renewal bids; Coastal Commission met in San Luis Obispo regarding LCP; Wildlife Protection Committee planning possible town hall meeting; update on status of Pine and Congress street improvements; noted service for 50 years by Gary Bales with MRWMD; and Comstock holding informational meeting at ATC regarding hotel project

b. Jeanie Anton acknowledged Colleen Ingram and Sustainable PG for informational meeting on the

issue of single use plastics; Dave Myers acknowledged news article written by Nick Smith;

Rebecca Lee acknowledged work by Lisa Ciani on both civic and environmental issues

**8. Items Requiring Action: None**

**9. Unfinished/Ongoing Business**

a. Revised IPM Guidelines presentation by Milas Smith to eliminate use of Roundup on city property goes before city council who decides whether to ban glyphosate use

1. Public Comment: Lisa Ciani commented on revised IPM and request for ongoing review

2. Commission Comment: Rebecca Lee expressed support of IPM revision

b. Monarch Sanctuary Restroom update provided by Dan Gho who stated that mistakes were made regarding CEQA guidelines; tribal involvement, bird survey and mitigation issues. In 2018, project required full sewer installation which has been modified to tie in with existing line; currently a tribal monitor in place and expectation that toilet building to be installed within days; 24th of July is scheduled date for staff walk through with arborist and Stu Weiss

1. Public Comment: Lisa Ciani expressed disappointment with Public Works not addressing issues in timely manner; Staff comment by Connie Masotti who discussed meeting in Reno about monarch butterfly numbers and request to meet with Public Works

2. Commission Comment: Dave Myers raised question regarding milkweed which Dan Gho stated is not recommended for overwintering sites, as it would create confusion in butterfly breeding

c. Harbor Seals and Noise Disturbances report by Thom Akeman (attachment 3) addressing possible noise reduction ordinance during seal pupping season (March through May). Thom further noted reduction in food sources for seals with increased environmental stresses and skittish behavior observed

1. Public Comment: Lisa Ciani acknowledged report by Thom and supports increased protection

2. Commission Comment: Jeanie Anton suggested a mailing to residents during pupping season to advise of noise reduction concern; Kelly Terry inquired about the specificity of noise reduc-

tion ordinance and whether it would prohibit homeowners from scheduling activities such as tree removal; Colleen Goldsmith asked whether there would be any interface with Aquarium scientists; Thom Akeman advised that Facebook web page was started by Kim Akeman in 2014 and cautioned that in a public forum, data is not scientifically peer reviewed

3. Dan Gho noted that BNRC may want to go move forward with Liaison Nick Smith, Legal, and PG police department with a bullet type summary for a noise reduction ordinance. This would go to city council with a recommendation by the BNRC to take action on issue.

**10. New Business:**

a. Existing post office island presentation by Milas Smith who noted that number of mature junipers may be rat infested and drop off mail boxes will remain in place; project will be performed by Public Works

1. Public Comment: Lisa Ciani noted that the beautiful plants listed may be high maintenance in terms of weeding etc. in the proposed landscape plan
2. Dave Myers posed question about mail boxes; Jeanie Anton prefers a boulder/large rock look over the proposed riverbed design; Colleen Goldsmith emphasized maintenance of plants which Milas Smith addressed by noting that ground cover included in landscape design

b. BNRC Receipt of Updated March 2019 Boards, Committees and Commissions Handbook

**11. Commissioners Report**

1. Jeanie Anton acknowledged Chautauqua Hall weeding/clean up organized by Amy Colony; June 26th Plastics Forum at the PG Museum with presentations by Milas Smith, Aquarium, MRWMD Jeff Lindenthal; Surfrider and several vendors displaying compostable products; Dave Myers observed that the rec trail was crowded and chaotic and suggested need for trail improvements such as making the trail more like the one in Monterey; Rebecca Lee complimented organizers for both Plastics meetings and stated group would like to see refillable water stations and sales of reusable aluminum water bottles; also noted that 3 pine tree seedlings are growing at

the Cal Am Pump Station and trees have been removed at Middle School; Kelly Terry noted there are no plans to plant new trees and recommended that Rebecca go to school board meeting to express concerns regarding replacing trees; Kelly Terry shared observation that during visit to Eureka, local artists paint the utility boxes and would like something similar in Pacific Grove as a way to beautify area

**12. Staff Announcements: None**

**13. Items for Next Agenda**

- a. Update by Thom Akeman regarding seasonal noise reduction zone
- b. Update on Monarch Sanctuary restroom
- c. Update on post office island landscaping project

**14. Meeting Adjourned at 5:15 pm**

Jean Anton  \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

8/22/19  
Date