



NOTICE OF MEETING

CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE BEAUTIFICATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, February 18, 2020, 4:00 P.M.

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

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call

Beautification and Natural Resources Commission Board Members: Jeanie Anton (Chair), Thom Akeman, Barry Bedwell, David Myers, Cathy Wooten, Colleen Goldsmith, Rebecca Lee

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Elections of Officers

Reference: Jean Anton

Recommended Action: Nominate and vote for 2020 Commission Officers

4. Approval of Minutes

Approval of January 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Reference: Chair Anton, (attachment 1)

Recommended Action: Approve minutes

5. Presentations

- a. Monarch Sanctuary Docent Report

6. 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.

7. Reports Not Requiring Action

- a. Council Liaison Announcements

Reference: Councilman Nick Smith

- b. Public Acknowledgment

8. Items Requiring Action

- a. Capital Improvement Project Commissioners Suggestions

Reference: Milas Smith (attachment 2)

Recommendation: Recommend submittal of projects to CIP for FY 20/21

- b. Goals

Reference: Jean Anton (attachment 3)

Recommendation: Receive report and form subcommittee for 2020 updating

- c. Nectar Plant Brochure

Reference: Jean Anton (attachment 4)

Recommendation: Receive brochure and recommend publication and distribution

9. Unfinished/Ongoing Business

- a. Update: Turnout Location Signs

Reference: Daniel Gho (attachment 5)

Recommended Action: Receive report and retain the turnout location signs for safety purposes

10. New Business

- a. Update: Memorial Tree Program
Reference: Daniel Gho (attachment 6)
Recommended Action: Receive report and provide general feedback regarding the City's Memorial Tree Program.
- b. Poets Plaque
Reference: Milas Smith (attachment 7)
Recommended Action: Recommend the installation of an "October in Pacific Grove" plaque within the Monarch Sanctuary, with costs for the plaque borne by the author, and plaque placement and installation determined and borne by Public Works.

11. Commissioner's Report

12. Staff Announcements

13. Items for Next Agenda

ADJOURNMENT

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BEAUTIFICATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 4:00 P.M.
Council Chamber- City Hall- 300 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA

CALL TO ORDER AT 4 PM.

1. Roll Call

Beautification and Natural Resources Commission Members: Dave Myers; Thom Akeman;
Colleen Goldsmith; Kelly Terry; Rebecca Lee. Absent: Jeanie Anton, Chair, and Lindsay Jacob

2. Approval of January Agenda

Motion to approve agenda carried 5-0-2 vote

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of December 17, 2019 carried 5-0-2 vote

4. Presentations Monarch Sanctuary Docents

- a. Monarch Sanctuary Docent Report by Mary Dainton: updated count of 65 Monarchs in the sanctuary with 4064 visitors logged from December 15 to January 20, with note that volunteer shifts do not cover all visitation hours. School groups numbered 11 with 467 children visiting both the Museum and Sanctuary. Mary noted that 8 eucalyptus trees in portable pots are dead and ropes in sanctuary are sagging. The Euryops daisies in pots need to be planted out and No Dog sign installed at Grove Acre entrance disappeared within a week. Hotel staff have been observed smoking near the walkway and a nearby neighbor blew leaves off the roof of a building directly under the tree Monarchs were clustering in.
- b. Sanctuary Staff presentation by Caleb Schneider: reported that current work on maintenance is irrigation. Amy Colony's report noted 6 volunteers have been watering Sanctuary with total of 40 hours logged.
- c. Commission comments: Dave Myers reported that Robert Pacelli may replace the dead Eucalyptus trees and inquired about the process for BNRC and Public Works going forward in light of findings and conclusions by the Western Monarch Summit. Colleen Goldsmith asked when the daisy trees will be planted out and timing for repairs to the bathroom roof that was damaged by PW during installation. Caleb responded that he and Amy are going through a learning process and will

implement a series of plans for the Sanctuary. The daisies and roof will be addressed in April.

Rebecca Lee commented on the watering logs.

5. Public Comments

- a. Written Communication: Jan Loomis email regarding the newly installed signs along Ocean View at the turn outs; Lisa Ciani email requesting signage review of the 4 turn out signs; Dominick Sinicropi email to BNRC and City Council regarding the Western Monarch Summit; Tama Olver and Larry Hulberg email regarding the Monarch Summit (also article in January 17, 2020 Cedar Street Times); Barry and Kim Bedwell email regarding the planting of two trees in Berwick Park
- b. Oral Communication: Lynn Mason requested that the turn out signs be addressed as an agenda item for next BNRC meeting; Lisa Ciani stated that 6 turn out signs are confusing for emergency assistance and are in fact, in error and that BNRC should be involved in new signage installation

6. Reports Not Requiring Action

- a. Council Liaison Nick Smith absent
- b. Mayor Bill Peake thanked Kelly Terry for her service on the BNRC. Update for the Pt. Pinos trail is the \$1.8 million grant by the Coastal Conservancy, noting the total cost is \$2.4 million. Mayor also advised of new requirement for commission agenda items including agenda reports, some background information and possible action or recommendation to city staff and council.
- c. Dave Myers thanked departing BNRC members Kelly Terry and Lindsay Jacob for their service and also acknowledged Lindsay as a member of the George Washington sub-committee. Both Lindsay and former BNRC Claudia Verneisel will continue to serve on the sub-committee.

7. Items Requiring Action: None

8. Unfinished Ongoing Business

- a. Sanctuary Weather Station update by Dan Gho that PW has some questions for Dominick Sinicropi prior to receiving the weather station donation.
- b. Public Comment: Lisa Ciani expressed concern about the delay of the weather station.

c. BNRC Name Change

Public Comment: Barry Bedwell likes the word "environmental" and "beautification" for the new title; Sally Moore commented that this item should have had an agenda report

Commissioner Comments: Rebecca Lee likes "advisory" in the title and also prefers "stewardship" over "conservancy". Colleen Goldsmith thinks name should remain BNRC as "natural resources" encompasses trees, parks, seashore, ,native and non native plants, wildlife, butterflies, birds, coastal access and pathways within Pacific Grove as well as impact of pesticide use, climate change and erosion issues. Colleen also supports keeping "beautification" in the name as it is the BNRC who took a lead in replacement of dilapidated magazine racks, trash receptacles, landscaping and maintenance of coastal trail, litter reduction and cigarette butts, single use plastics ordinance, public art and improvements at Lovers Point. Thom Akeman stated he has no strong opinion on the name change and agrees with Colleen; Dave Myers commented on the historical context and the merging of two separate commissions. Dave likes the broad based connotation of "beautification" and thinks "natural resources" covers stewardship and environmental issues. Kelly Terry likes the current name as it now is.

d. George Washington Park Sub Committee

Thom Akeman reported that 27 volunteers removed invasive grasses on January 11, 2020 with Amanda Prees (?) identifying native and non native plants. The next volunteer park session is scheduled for February 8th. Thom also noted that the Recreation Board will be conducting a survey the end of January with a forthcoming report.

Public Comment: Lisa Ciani attended the volunteer work session and supports native planting;

Barbara Thomas inquired about the future of the project and scope of work to be accomplished

Commission Comment: Colleen Goldsmith inquired whether any goats will be reserved for park and status of the RFP. Dan Gho stated that there has been one response by a forestry person.

e. Native Nectar Plant Brochure (See Draft Attachment 2)

Rebecca Lee reported that since 2014, Monarch butterflies have been feeding on non-native plants and that is being regarded as an adaptation for survival (see Rebecca Lee article in January 17, 2020 in Cedar Street Times). Rebecca referenced climate change as a major issue.

Public Comments: Lisa Ciani thanked BNRC for their work on the brochure and likes the bold font design for native vs non native nectar plants. Barbara Thomas noted that the Latin names should be italicized and that Xerces Society supports the 5 mile milkweed distance from coast but the discussions note that more milkweed is needed. Rudy Fischer thanked Rebecca Lee and BNRC and suggested that city plant native nectars.

Commission Comments: Kelly Terry thanked Rebecca for her work on brochure; Colleen Goldsmith thanked Rebecca for the article in the Cedar Street Times that clarified the danger of tropical milkweed

9. New Business:

- a. Dan Gho reported that Stuart Weiss will do a Sanctuary visit in July
- b. Commission Comment: Rebecca Lee commented that with an earlier evaluation, actions can be implemented

10. Commissioner Reports

Rebecca Lee would like to see all interested parties working together on the Sanctuary including BNRC, Museum, Monarch Butterfly Docents, PG city council, Public Works, Xerces, Robert Pacelli, and a professional forestry person. Also commented on the idea of using quiet fireworks for the Feast of the Lanterns city event

11. Staff Announcements: none

12. Items for Next Agenda:

BNRC name change decision; Turn out signage; Stuart Weiss Sanctuary Visit; Memorial Tree Planting; RFP update; landscaping at Post Office; Nectar Plant brochure

Meeting Adjourned: 5:30 pm

Secretary

Signature

Date



CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE
300 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove, California 93950

AGENDA REPORT

TO: Beautification and Natural Resources Commission
FROM: Milas Smith, Deputy Director Public Works
MEETING DATE: February 18, 2020
SUBJECT: CIP Recommendations
CEQA STATUS This action does not constitute a “project” as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines section 15378

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend submittal of projects to CIP for FY 20/21

DISCUSSION

The development of the CIP is a collaborative process. There is a formal means for submitting project ideas. Submission deadline is 3/12/2020.

What qualifies as a Capital Improvement?

A Capital Improvement is defined as a property, plant, or improvement having a useful life of two or more years and a total amortized acquisition and maintenance cost of \$5,000 or more. These are non-recurring projects and often include maintenance, repairs, improvements or acquisition of City assets.

Process

After the submission period has closed, the City Manager, Administrative Services and Public Works Departments will review all projects from a variety of approaches and prioritize them. Subsequently, a recommended project list will be sent to the City Council for input/approval.

BNRC Commissioner Suggested Projects

- Dedicated funding for tree planting, maybe \$200,000
- Trail clarification in George Washington Park
- Ropes at the sanctuary and instead the installation of a split rail fence like the one at Lovers Point
- Repairs to the mural on the coastal trail
- Dog Park

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Milas Smith, Deputy Director Public Works



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AGENDA REPORT

TO: Beautification and Natural Resources Commission
FROM: Jean Anton, Chair
MEETING DATE: February 18, 2020
SUBJECT: Annual BNRC Goals update
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RECOMMENDATION

Receive report and form subcommittee for 2020 updating

DISCUSSION

Each year in February the BNRC updates its goals for the upcoming year. The goals are ongoing and are meant as a guide to cover the areas of responsibility of the BNRC as set forth by PG Municipal Code Section 3.24.

OPTIONS

1. Form subcommittee to update goals

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Jean Anton

Jean Anton, Chair BNRC

BEAUTIFICATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

2109 Goals and Projects

A. PARKS

1. Continue to support Public Works on plans to improve the Lovers Point landscape.
2. Recommend the planting of more trees in city parks using the 2015 tree inventory data.
3. Continue receiving updates on all city park improvements, including Perkins Park.
4. Support the integrated pest management plan as recommended by staff including the decreased use of chemical pesticides.
5. Assist in the development of signage to discourage the feeding of wildlife.
6. Support wildlife awareness and watch for changes in wildlife populations and support the new wildlife subcommittee/ad-hoc advisory committee.

B. SHORELINE

1. Support the maintenance and improvement of the Coastal Trail Project, including the planting of trees where appropriate and the development of proper signage as needed.
2. Encourage the Council to seek funds for implementing the trail plan from the Great Tide Pool to Lovers Point.
3. Continue to participate in planning for the Coastal Access/Forest Avenue project at Lovers Point.
4. Provide for public input for the Shoreline Management Plan and support Public Works in the implementation of the plan.
5. Promote an increased number of litter/recycling receptacles along the coastline and encourage their maintenance.
6. Work with the PG Volunteer Coordinator to plan beach cleanups.
7. Support protection of sensitive coastal species and their habitats.

C. MONARCH SANCTUARY

1. Review and provide updates and information on the sanctuary as needed through annual reports and counting results and encourage pollinator preservation practices.
2. Help provide public education, especially for properties adjacent to the sanctuary.
3. Continue annual walk-through events with the sanctuary management team.

D. RECYCLING AND LITTER REDUCTION

1. Continue to promote increased recycling and litter control throughout the city.
2. Create outlets such as news articles and public service announcements that encourage the public to play a part in city cleanliness.
3. Support a code change that will eliminate single use plastics.
4. Further educate on food waste and support food waste recycling efforts city-wide efforts.

E. TREES AND LANDSCAPE

1. Support continued community tree planting and maintenance programs, including planting of larger native varieties throughout the city.
2. See that the recommended tree list brochure is available in public areas.
3. Encourage the city council to provide funds for tree planting and maintenance in all public projects.
4. Request bi-annual updates by the arborist on tree replant requirements and follow-up plans.
5. Hold an annual Arbor Day recognition event.

F. DOWNTOWN BEAUTIFICATION

1. Support the updated art acquisitions policy.
2. Encourage the addition of public art in the downtown area.
3. Recommend that newspaper dispensers be cleaned on a regular basis.
4. Assist in the continued beautification upgrades in downtown Pacific Grove.

G. WATER

1. Ask for updates on the ASBS (Area of Special Biological Significance) Compliance Plan
2. Recommend continued public education programs regarding water conservation and storm water runoff issues.
3. Encourage use of pervious concrete to prevent storm water runoff in city projects.

H. MARINE LIFE AND HARBOR SEALS

1. Support Public Works in the annual and timely installation of fencing near the harbor seal birthing sites.
2. Support the Bay Net docent program when requested.
3. Keep current on the harbor seal ordinance from 2013.
4. Watch for changes in marine life that may affect the city and, if appropriate, suggest any responses that are warranted.



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AGENDA REPORT

TO: Beautification and Natural Resources Commission
FROM: Jean Anton, Chair
MEETING DATE: February 18, 2020
SUBJECT: Nectar Brochure (attachment)
CEQA STATUS This action does not constitute a “project” as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines section 15378

RECOMMENDATION

Receive brochure and recommend publication and distribution

DISCUSSION

Current Monarch butterfly counts continue to show a large decline in the population, not only in Pacific Grove but in all West Coast overwintering sites. One local solution is to encourage PG residents to provide nectar producing plants in private gardens, thus providing the nutrients that Monarchs need to survive the winter and be healthy for their migration in the spring. What is needed is a list of plants that can survive in the PG coastal climate, that are attractive to the Monarchs, and that have proven successful in nourishing the butterflies in the local Monarch sanctuary.

At the September 17, 2019 meeting of the BNRC Chair Anton asked Commissioner Lee to begin the process of creating such a document to be made available to all residents in Pacific Grove. Volunteer Cathy Wooten was also involved in the layout and editing. The editing process continued at the October, November, December, and January meetings, each time with input from the public and from other commissioners. Input was also received from the Monarch Sanctuary docents, publications from the Xerces Society, and conversations with others involved with Monarchs including those who attended a recent Monarch conference held in January in Carmel Valley. Attention was also given to the annual report by Stu Weiss, our professional Monarch sanctuary advisor.

OPTIONS

1. Accept brochure and recommend publication and distribution
2. Continue further editing of brochure

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Jean Anton

Jean Anton, Chair BNRC

Monarchs Need Water, Too!

WATER: Adding a small water feature to your garden is encouraged! A simple, easily cleaned saucer (or water heater pan) with sand and landing places (rocks that are above the water) works well for Monarchs.



MILKWEED

DID YOU KNOW that most scientists agree that milkweed, including native milkweed, **should not** be planted within 5-10 miles of the Pacific Coast overwintering range. Milkweed should not be planted in Pacific Grove! It is the search for milkweed that kicks off the spring migration.

You can help nourish our overwintering Monarchs!

Plant one or more of the recommended nectar plants shown in this brochure, especially the winter blooming varieties.

Plant a nectar plant in your yard - save a Monarch!

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City of Pacific Grove

DRAFT

A Guide to Selecting Nectar Plants for Monarchs

in the
City of Pacific Grove



Adult Monarchs feed on nectar from flowers, which contain sugars and other nutrients. Unlike the larvae that only eat milkweeds, adult monarchs feed on a wide variety of nectar bearing flowers. They will visit many different kinds of fall and winter blooming plants.

Recommended Nectar Plants for Monarchs

🦋 Working together, our Community can make a difference! YOU can make a difference!

🦋 **It is preferable to plant Natives.** *Natives are adapted to our climate, require less care and are generally more drought tolerant!*

🦋 Plant Fall/Winter blooming plants to feed our overwintering Monarchs. Monarchs arrive in October and leave by March.

🦋 Ask your nursery to order plants for you.

🦋 Start with one nectar plant. You could even have a nectar plant in a pot!

🦋 The species on this list have been carefully chosen for Pacific Grove conditions, bloom time, and drought tolerance.

🦋 It is recommended that no insecticides or herbicides be used in your garden.

Common Name	Botanical Name	Size	Native?
Plants that Bloom Year Round			
Seaside Daisy	<i>Erigeron glaucus</i>	1.6-1'	Y
Mule Fat	<i>Baccharis salicifolia</i>	6-12'	Y
"New Gold" Lantana	<i>Lantana Camara "New Gold"</i>	1-2'	N
Yellow Bush Daisy	<i>Euryops pectinous</i>	3-5'	N
Bottle Brush	<i>Callistemon citrons</i>	Varies	N
Plants that Bloom Through Early Winter			
Dune Tansy	<i>Tanacetum bipinnatum</i>	10"	Y
Coyote Bush	<i>Baccharis piularis</i>	1.5-10'	Y
Vinegar Weed	<i>Trichostema lanceolatum</i>	3'	Y
Sulphur-Flower Buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i>	.3-7'	Y
Rubber Rabbitbrush	<i>Ericameria nauseosa</i>	3-9'	Y
Daisy Tree	<i>Montanoa grandiflora</i>	8-12'	N
Orange Butterfly Bush	<i>Buddleia globosa</i>	10-15'	N
Daisy Tree	<i>Montanoa arborescens</i>	10-20'	N

Common Name	Botanical Name	Size	Native?
Plants that Bloom Through Winter			
Blueblossom	<i>Ceanothus thyrsiflorus</i>	2-30'	Y
Carmel Ceanothus	<i>Ceanothus thyrsiflorus griseus</i>	3-15'	Y
Wartleaf Ceanothus	<i>Ceanothus papillosus</i>	6-16'	Y
Hairy Ceanothus	<i>Ceanothus oliganthos</i>	10'	Y
Sandscrub Ceanothus	<i>Ceanothus dentatus</i>	1.6-5'	Y
Black Sage	<i>Salvia mellifera</i>	3-6'	Y
Plants that Bloom in Early/Mid Spring			
Sticky Monkey Flower	<i>Diplacus aurantiacus</i>	3.9-5'	Y
Golden Yarrow	<i>Eriphyllum confertiflorum</i>	1.6-2.3'	Y
Blue Dicks	<i>Dichelostema capitatum</i>	1.5-2'	Y
Chia	<i>Salvia columbaria</i>	.33-1.6'	Y
Ceanothus	<i>C. cuneatis, C. megacarpus, C. maritimus, C. arboreaus</i>	Varies	Y
Pride of Madeira	<i>Echium candicans</i>	5-6'	N



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FROM: Daniel Gho, Public Works Director
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SUBJECT: Turnout Location Signs
CEQA STATUS This action does not constitute a “project” as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines section 15378

RECOMMENDATION

Receive report and retain the turnout location signs for safety purposes

DISCUSSION

On January 3, 2020 Public Works received a request from the Police Department to install location signs at the turnouts along Oceanview. This request was made strictly due to inaccurate information that is relayed to dispatch when emergency calls come in from our oceanfront turnouts.

The Police and Fire Departments receives calls for medical, traffic related incidents, and water rescues and most of the visitors do not know the turnout locations when they need emergency services. Every second counts when an emergency occurs. These signs had been installed to assist our visitors in the case of an emergency.

Signs have been installed at the Asilomar, Acropolis, Crespi Pond, and two at the Fog Horn turnouts. These locations are identified by the Police Department and Dispatch knows the turnout locations and how each turnout is identified and signed.

Additionally, the Police Department would like to add signs at the sea palm turnout and Otter Point.

OPTIONS

1. Provide alternative sign language consistent with location identification. The Police Department has mocked up some sample alternatives.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Daniel Gho, Public Works Director



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RECOMMENDATION

Receive report and provide general feedback regarding the City’s Memorial Tree Program.

DISCUSSION

In 2012 the City of Pacific Grove began a memorial tree program (program). Since then numerous trees have been planted under this program throughout the City. Typically interested parties reach out to Public Works requesting information about this program. To get a memorial tree, an application would be completed and submitted to the City. The City arborist would contact the applicant and discuss locations. Once the location is determined then dates will be set for planting of the tree. Many times, a ceremony with witnesses occurs.

An informational flyer and application can be found on the City’s website. Here is the link.
https://www.cityofpacificgrove.org/sites/default/files/forms/planning/trees-memorial-tree-application-form_0.pdf

Pre-determined locations have been identified. Staff has a map of these locations (Attachment 1).

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Daniel Gho, Public Works Director



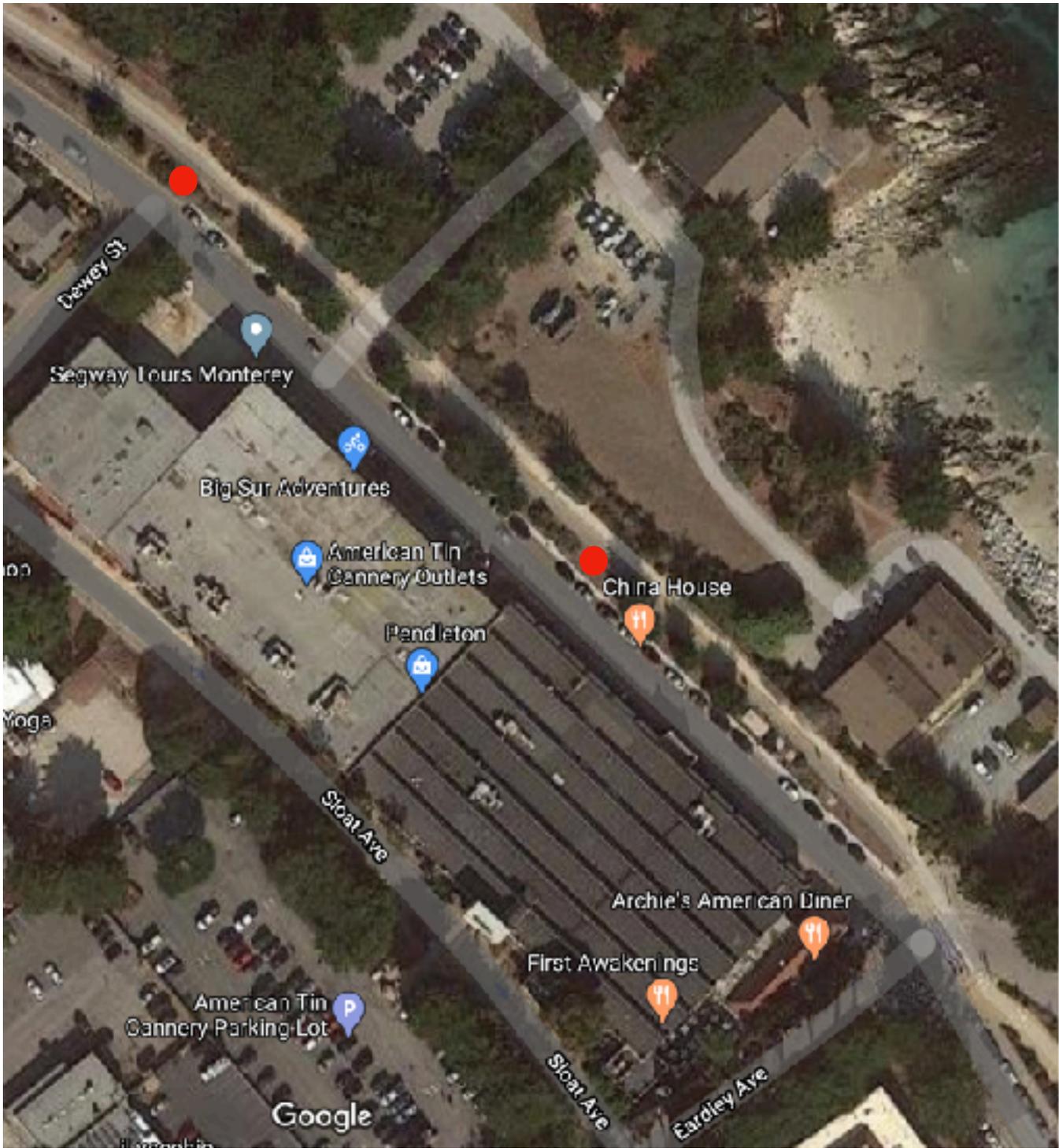
Proposed memorial tree locations Total of 6



Proposed memorial tree locations Total of 2



Proposed memorial tree locations Total of 5



Proposed memorial tree locations Total of 2



Proposed memorial tree locations Total of 5



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AGENDA REPORT

TO: Beautification and Natural Resources Commission
FROM: Milas Smith, Deputy Director Public Works
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SUBJECT: “October in Pacific Grove” Monarch Sanctuary Plaque
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RECOMMENDATION

Recommend the installation of an “October in Pacific Grove” plaque within the Monarch Sanctuary, with costs for the plaque borne by the author, and plaque placement and installation determined and borne by Public Works.

DISCUSSION

Jon Plaisted is a published poet and professor of poetry. His poem, “October in Pacific Grove” was written in Pacific Grove in October of 1979 following his first visit to Lover’s Point. It was his first published poem. He submitted “October in Pacific Grove” as part of his application for his Master’s in Fine Arts program, commencing his career as a professional poet. The poem, attached to this agenda report, was read by Council Member Garfield to those gathered at the 2019 Monarch Sanctuary tour. “October in Pacific Grove” is written in iambic trimeter, to mimic the flight of the Monarch Butterflies.

Mr. Plaisted has inquired with the City of Pacific Grove as to the possibility of installing a plaque inscribed with the “October in Pacific Grove” poem within the Monarch Sanctuary. Mr. Plaisted has proposed to bear the costs of the creation of the plaque not to exceed 18x18 inches. Determination of location and cost of installation is proposed to be borne by the City.

ATTACHMENT

“October in Pacific Grove” by Jon Plaisted

FISCAL IMPACT

Nominal costs associated with plaque placement determination and installation will be born from the approved Fiscal Year 2019-20 Public Works operating fund budget.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Milas Smith, Deputy Director Public Works

OCTOBER IN PACIFIC GROVE

Their black and ocher wings
come on a silent breeze
to drift in sundry rings
beneath the cypress trees.
They wink, and without words,
an air of promise comes
from butterflies in herds.
They light in open palms!
If faith has brought them here
as augurs of our times,
then catch the wind they wear.
Behold these merry mimes
in Monterey delight,
where lanterns rust and blow.
Their petaled wings ignite
in a sad and antic show.
They've come as Monarchs, Kings,
where birds fly blind and high.
Below, their wizened wings
burn holes in the Stygian sky.
If chance has brought them here
where night's self darkly burns,
abandon hope to air
and to the winds return
But wink and flutter free!
In butterflies confide.
Their message speaks so softly;
Go tip-toe by their side.