

REGULAR MEETING
Forest and Beach Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 12, 2018
TOUR 3:00 P.M.
MEETING 3:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

COMMISSION MEMEBERS PRESENT: David Refuerzo, Chair
Mo Massoudi
Michael Caddell
Darlene Mosley
Al Saroyan joined the tour at 3:32 P.M.

TOUR OF INSPECTION:

1. NW corner of Casanova Street and Thirteenth Avenue

ROLL CALL:

COMMISSION MEMEBERS PRESENT: David Refuerzo, Chair
Mo Massoudi
Michael Caddell
Darlene Mosley
Al Saroyan

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Branson, City Forester
Bob Harary, Public Works Director
Yvette Oblander, Admin Coordinator/Commission Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Refuerzo led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

The following members of the public spoke:

Lauren Banner
Karen Ferlito

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chair Refuerzo introduced and welcomed new Commissioner Darlene Mosley to the Forest and Beach Commission.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Item 1: Approve the minutes of the May 10, 2018 regular meeting.

Chair Refuerzo moved to approve the May 10, 2018 minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Caddell.

AYES:	Refuerzo, Caddell, Saroyan
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	Massoudi, Mosley
ABSENT:	None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Item 2: Consideration of an application to remove or relocate one 16" oak and remove three oak Trees (8", 8", and 14") for construction of a new single family residence.

Commissioner Mosley is a personal friend of the applicant, therefore she decided to recuse herself from consideration of this application.

Staff recommends to approve the removal of three coast live oaks (8", 8", 14") located within the proposed new home footprint and deny the removal of the coast live oak (16") located within the footprint of the proposed two-car garage. Consider allowing relocation of the 16" oak if a professional transplanting and five-year maintenance plan is provided and approved by the City.

The following members of the public spoke in support of the application:

James Smith – project architect
J.R. Hunter - owner
Cindy Hunter - owner

The following members of the audience spoke:

Karen Ferlito
Barbara Livingston

Following discussion Chair Refuerzo motioned to allow removal of the three oak trees within the building footprint, and agree to allow relocation of 16" oak, provided a relocation and maintenance plan is approved by the City Forester.

Seconded by Commissioner Caddell, with an amendment, if the relocated tree dies within 5 years, that a new 84" box oak will be planted as a replacement.

After further discussion, the motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES:	Refuerzo, Saroyan, Caddell, Massoudi
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	Mosley
ABSENT:	None

ORDERS OF BUSINESS

Item 3: Consideration of a Permanent Date for Arbor Day.

The following member of the audience spoke:
Karen Ferlito

Following discussion Commissioner Caddell made a motion to recognize that the third week of April to be recognized as the period for Carmel's Arbor Day.

Seconded by Chair Refuerzo, and approved by the following vote:

AYES:	Refuerzo, Caddell, Massoudi, Mosley Saroyan,
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

Item 4: Discussion of Strategies for a Community Tree Planting Initiative

Staff recommends the Commission begin the tree planting initiative and urge the Mayor to appoint a community task force as soon as possible.

The following members of the audience spoke:
Karen Ferlito
Barbara Livingston

Following discussion, Commissioner Caddell suggested forming an ad hoc committee that will report back in 2 to 3 months and figure out where the Commission would like to go from there.

Chair Refuerzo appointed Commissioners Caddell and Massoudi to the ad hoc committee for the Tree Planting Initiative.

Staff agreed to have a report/discussion of the tree planting initiative as a regular item on future commission agendas.

Item 5: Forester Report

- a. May tree data –
6 trees planted.
15 removed.

- b. June tree data
11 trees removed.
- c. Parks activities
New planting at 1st Murphy Park.
Friends of MTNP had a couple of work days and more signs are going back up.
A consultant will start a hydrologic survey of the MTNP drainage system this month.
- d. Beach activities
Sand has been pushed up at Del Mar and we were able to come in under budget for this project.
North Dunes – Staff installed over 650 feet of new rod and cable fencing around sensitive habitat areas.
- e. Tree survey update
The tree survey is nearly done. A CSUMB intern will finish the survey.
- f. Friends of Carmel Forest update
Karen Ferlito gave an update on the Friends of Carmel Forest activities.
- g. Other items of interest to the Commission
Bob Harary gave an update on the following projects and topics:

All critical repairs have been made to the beach stairs. With money left over we will continue to make the stairs safe and pleasing.

Cal-Am update - In lieu of paying a penalty to the City, the City Council and Cal-Am have come to agreement that Cal-Am will plant three 48" box cypress trees and 1 Monterey pine where the City would like them to be planted; most likely at the Forest Theater. Cal-Am will also provide the irrigation and maintenance of each tree for the next 5 years after planting.

Council has voted to extend the Beach fire pilot program until 2020.

The PG&E gas line project will go to Council on August 7, 2018

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Ad hoc report and discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

David Refuerzo, Chair

Yvette Oblander, Commission Secretary/Admin. Coordinator