

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Forest and Beach Commission Meeting

Thursday, February 13, 2020

ROLL CALL

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Caddell, Chair
Al Saroyan, Vice Chair (joined the Commission at the site tour)
Sarah Berling
JC Myers
Darlene Mosley

STAFF PRESENT:

Bob Harary, Public Works Director
Sara Davis, City Forester
Agnes Martelet, Environmental Compliance Manager
Yvette Oblander, PW Admin Coordinator, Commission Secretary

TOUR OF INSPECTION

Casanova 5 SE of 12th
Mission 5 NW of Santa Lucia and
The North Dunes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Caddell led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC APPERARANCES

David Baker
Richard Hewlett

Both spoke on the concern of the safety and possible property damage to the surrounding areas due to unauthorized tree root damage at Santa Rita Street 2SW of Fifth Avenue.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the minutes from the January 9, 2020 Regular Meeting

Vice Chair Saroyan moved to approve the minutes for the January 9, 2020 regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Myers, and approved by the following votes:

AYES: Caddell, Saroyan, Myers, Berling
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Mosley

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. Application to permit the removal of two significant trees at Casanova 5 SE of 12th for the construction of a new garage.

Staff recommendation is to approve the removal of the 10" and 14" oaks for the construction of a new structure. The Commission should consider requiring compensation to the City of \$250 per tree for planting or the appraised value of the two trees for \$3,600.

Chris Teascher gave a brief presentation and would like approval for the Commission to permit the removal of two significant trees at Casanova 5 SE of 12th for the construction of a new garage.

Commissioners discussed the issue with the information given. Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the removal of two (2) oak trees, after the payment of the appraised value of \$3600.00. With the understanding that the \$3600.00 is put into the Forest Restoration fund. Seconded by Commissioner Mosley and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Caddell, Saroyan, Myers, Mosley, Berling
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

3. Application to permit the removal of significant trees at Mission 5 NW of Santa Lucia for construction of a new single family residence.

Staff recommendation is to approve the removal of trees associated with the house footprint that has the least damage to existing trees. Tree #13 should have strict root zone protections in place prior to any excavation or construction.

Claudio Ortiz gave a presentation on behalf of the applicant, and discussed the pros and cons of reconfiguring the proposed house on the existing, wooded lot.

Commissioners discussed the issue with the information given. Chair Caddell moved to approve, provided that the Turners move the structure so that it is no closer than 20 ft. to Tree #13. Approve the removal of tree #11 and #7, #8 and #9. Contingent on the Planning Department permit. To also contribute to the Forest Restoration Fund, equivalent to the value of the trees and determined by the City Forester. Seconded by Commissioner Berling, followed by the following vote:

AYES: Caddell, Saroyan, Mosley, Berling
NOES: Myers
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

ORDES OF BUSINESS

4. Presentation of the 2017 – 18 and 2018 – 19 North Dunes Restoration Project Update Report
Agnes Martelet, gave a presentation on the North Dunes. This presentation provided background including the objectives of the North Dunes Restoration Program and an update on restoration activities that have been conducted over the past two years. Finally the presentation included monitoring data to evaluate the success of restoration efforts, and next steps. The written report on these restoration efforts is provided in Attachment No. 1.

Agnes Martelet and Consultant Joey Canepa answered questions from the Commissioners in regards to the North Dunes Habitat Restoration Plan.

The following members of the public spoke in support of the North Dunes, and to support Joey Canepa for her work with the Dunes Restoration Project:

Halley Mitchell Dow, Carmel Garden Club
Neils Reimers
Dianna F.
Susan N.

5. Presentation of the Third Annual Public Works Report and Infrastructure Report Card, by Bob Harary, Public Works Director.

Mr. Harary presented the report and answered questions from the Commission.

6. City Forester's and Public Works Director's Monthly Report for January 2020

Ms. Davis reviewed the January tree data report. Mr. Harary updated the Commission on beach and parks activities, capital projects related to forestry, parks and beach issues, and other items of interest to the Commission.

7. Consideration of the adoption of a meeting calendar for 2020

Commissioners adopted a meeting calendar for 2020. Commissioner Berling moved to approve the Forest and Beach Meeting Calendar for 2020, seconded by Vice Chair Saroyan, followed by the following vote:

AYES:	Caddell, Saroyan, Mosley, Berling, Myers
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

Upcoming Agenda topics:

Next Arbor Day
Ad hoc – Arbor Day

ADJOURNMENT

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

Michael Caddell, Chair

Yvette Oblander, Administrative Coordinator, Commission Secretary