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. Absent: Kelly Terry, Lindsay Jacob

3. **Approval of June Agenda**
   Unanimous approval of Agenda

4. **Approval of Minutes**
   Unanimous approval of May 21 Minutes with four corrections noted: word "to" changed to "by" under Item 4; spelling correction in Item 8; the word" pesticide" changed to "Round Up" under Item 9; and spelling error in Item 11 corrected

5. **Public Comments**
   a. Written communications (emails to BNRC) by Maris Sidenstecker (Our Water/Our World) regarding alternatives to use of Round Up in Pacific Grove; Colleen Ingram and Cathy Wooten request for IPM committee to meet quarterly; danger of weed/feed products by Dow; reference to NRDC's J. Sass and proposed membership for an IPM committee; Cosmo Bua regarding 1059 Jewell Avenue tree removal; and Jan Loomis also emailed a letter and forwarded one from Michael Polkable with Bio Max Environmental Inc. regarding objection to ongoing use of herbicide glyphosate within city
   b. Oral Communication:
      1. Amy Colony, Volunteer Coordinator for Pacific Grove provided information regarding gardening efforts at Chautauqua and call for volunteers for Perkins Park on June 29; her email address for inclusion on gardening list is acolony@cityofpacificgrove.org; Lisa Ciani requested signage review for parks including drone issue and verbiage at George Washington Park; Lorna Moffett requested milkweed be planted everywhere which is necessary for butterfly migration; Janet Wilson commented on visually disabled who cannot use recreation trail due to bike traffic;
Tricia Leebert commented on health of bees and butterflies

6. No Presentations

7. Reports Not Requiring Action

a. Council Liaison Nick Smith provided summary of City Council meeting highlights regarding budget; shoreline management plan, ATC project; receipt of "Single Use Plastics" report by Milas Smith and discussion of city council compensation.

b. Jeanie Anton acknowledged Moe Ammar and PG Chamber; Public Works planted new trees in Berwick Park; and Mayor Bill Peake's work on city budget

8. Items Requiring Action

a. Public Works Director Dan Gho presented review of reduction in use of Round Up on City Property with Public Works; use of alternative chemicals; concern is that paving projects using slurry seal require use of a Round Up product to prepare for project and ensure that weeds do not grow and degrade the road materials

1. Public Comment: Marilyn Andreas expressed concern regarding Round Up and medical issues; Janet Wilson had concern about possible future lawsuits; Robert Pacelli commented on butterfly population decline and need for manual pulling of weeds by Public Works and volunteers; Tricia Leebert observed that use of Round Up does not prevent new weed growth; Jennifer Haydu asked what is the greater good and whether city should err on side of caution; Lorna Moffett disputed amount of Round Up use claimed by city which is a known carcinogen; Linda Shelby suggested there are Round Up alternatives and product is not used in Monterey nor by Monterey Unified School District; Wendy Giles requested Round Up not be used within city; Lisa Ciani referred to a July 2017 California State assessment that glyphosates cause cancer; Ron Lloyd brought petition requesting that Round Up continue to be used in Berwick Park; Heather Cox had concerns about use of Round Up; Mikali West commented that Round
Up has eliminated milkweed and is dangerous to butterflies; and Lynn Mason stated that weeds should be pulled manually.

2. Commission Comment: Thom Akeman suggested that Round Up be restricted to road work like Carmel; Dave Myers referred to good information in written communications and city should not replace one pesticide with another "bad" one; Rebecca Lee expressed idea that many pesticides have killed good weeds and plants; Colleen Goldsmith stated that decision should be based on science rather than public opinion or fear; Pacific Grove shoreline location is unique and environmentally sensitive; would like to see Public Works use other techniques to manage weed growth and encourage native plants; Jeanie Anton commented on recommendation to update IPM.

3. Unanimous approval of motion by Rebecca Lee that updated IPM include a ban on use of Round Up on city property by Pacific Grove Public Works.

9. Unfinished Ongoing Business

a. 1059 Jewell Avenue Tree Appeal presentation by Dan Gho summarizing Level III assessment performed by City Arborist with recommendation to remove tree.

b. Public Comment: Lorna Moffet expressed concern over decision; Lisa Ciani commented on tree policies regarding protection guidelines

c. Commission Comment: Rebecca Lee commented on engineering efforts that could have saved the tree and expressed support for revisiting tree ordinance

10. New Business: None

11. Commissioners Report
a. Thom Akeman gave update on harbor seals and decision by city to extend permit regarding rope barriers during pupping season; Colleen Goldsmith noted weeding at Chautauqua Hall took place without use of plastic bags for pulled weeds; Jeanie Anton reported presentation by Milas Smith to city council regarding plastics ordinance was well received; June 26th is date scheduled for plastics use forum at PG museum for business owners

12. Staff Announcements: None

13. Items for Next Agenda

   a. Presentation of proposed plan for changes to drop off area by post office

   b. Butterfly Sanctuary Update

   c. Presentation by Nick Stong/PG Museum on the planting of milkweed

14. Meeting Adjourned at 5:45 pm

   Jean Anton  
   Signature  
   Date  
   8/20/19