CALL TO ORDER AT 4 PM.

1. ROLL CALL

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

2. Approval of September Agenda

Item 8b: change reference to Thom Akeman

3. Approval of Minutes

Unanimous approval of August 20, 2019 minutes with correction noted 8b spelling of name

Barbara Thomas

4. Presentations

Nick Strong reported on Monarch Sanctuary docent training, student field trips and development of a brochure by the museum which would be handed out to educate public on how to help Monarchs; emphasized that milkweed not be planted at overwintering sites such as the Sanctuary because this creates confusion for females and the breeding/resting periods. Milkweed is not a naturally occurring native plant in the coastal area and milkweed sold by nurseries is generally a tropical milkweed type that harbors parasites. Reduction in use of pesticides is helpful for the health of the butterfly population

5. Public Comments

a. Written Communication: Lisa Ciani re Item 8b GWP maintenance and definition of "perimeter"; Frances Grate re Monarch Grove Sanctuary and consultant Stuart Weiss; and Lisa Ciani re ground squirrels in Perkins Park

b. Oral Communication: Jane Haines, Mary Dainton, Bruce Cowan, Kathy Wooten, Lisa Ciani and Frances Grate re their concerns about the health of the Monarch Sanctuary; planting of trees in the Sanctuary; and maintenance of GWP.

6. Reports Not Requiring Action

a. Council Liaison Nick Smith absent
b. Mayor Bill Peake addressed: rule modifications for the Golf Links; hours for pickle ball court use; rental of property known as Poet’s Perch (proceeds to benefit poet program) and first reading of ordinance for Single Use Plastics at 10/02 city council meeting

c. Chair Jeanie Anton commended AES Landscaping for their work and thanked docents for their work and efforts at the Sanctuary

7. Items Requiring Action: None

8. Unfinished Ongoing Business

a. Dan Gho presented update to the Sanctuary Walk Through on 9/05 and management plan by Stu Weiss. Robert Pacelli has proposed bringing in about 20 boxed trees to create a canopy and these trees will be permanently added to the sanctuary tree inventory. This initiative by Mr. Pacelli and other residents was entirely funded by donations

Public Comment: Connie Masotti requested earlier walk through date so that proposed work in the Sanctuary can be completed; Robert Pacelli commended Dan Gho on this project and explained trees have been brought in three times in the past; also noted finding 5 gal Monterey Cypress trees in Gilroy for donation to city of PG; and hand out by Frances Grate distributed regarding nectar beds. Commissioner Comment: Jeanie Anton suggested a "nectar list" would be good hand out distributed by museum and city (Rebecca Lee to develop list); Rebecca Lee inquired about location of trees and issues with Eucalyptus trees; Dan Gho responded that boxed trees are moved around to determine best location and address wind. Motion carried 6-0-1 to accept trees.

b. George Washington Park Maintenance update by Thom Akeman that GWP has been treated as a preserve for 94 year; does not support goats in park due to the required 5 acre minimum for hiring goats. Sub-committee found a 5 acre area that would be suitable for goats, but would prefer an area that is only 2 acres. Lindsay Jacob stated that mechanical grazer could be used but not sure how equipment would work. Proposal before City Council: hire goats, utilize a mechanical grazer or do nothing at this time.
Public Comment: Lisa Clani read her submitted email that requested a forestry person be hired to evaluate GWP.

9. New Business: None

10. Commissioner's Report: Jeanie Anton reported spending time with museum docents and was impressed with their work ethic and dedication as volunteers.

11. Staff Announcements

Milas Smith reported that smoking will be discussed at 9/18 City Council meeting; also noted discussion of leaf blowers and Single Use Plastics at 10/02 City Council. Dan Gho stated he will recommend hiring of a qualified forest manager.

12. Items for Next Agenda: to be determined

Meeting Adjourned: 4:40 pm

BNRC Meetings Approved By: [Signature]
Date: 4/20/2017