



**CITY OF PACIFICA
BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, June 1, 2022
6:30 p.m.
VIA ZOOM MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M. by Chair Melinda Moses

Members Present: Gail Bennett, Ryann Hoffman, Linda Jonas, Melinda Moses, Hernan Muirragui and Dan Wells

City Council Liaison: Council member Sue Beckmeyer

Staff Members: Public Works Director Lisa Petersen and Michelle Trayer from Public Works

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved

APPROVAL OF APRIL 6, 2022, MEETING MINUTES: Approved

PUBLIC COMMENT: No members of the public present.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Welcome new BAC member Hernan Muirragui:** The BAC membership welcomed its newest member, Hernan Muirragui. Committee member Muirragui is a Pacifica resident and retired Federal Government employee. He also served on the Street Tree Commission in San Francisco for three years and has two children. Chairperson Moses will forward him BAC information he may need.
- B. Grace McCarthy Overlook planting plan:** Chairperson Moses asked Committee members Jonas and Gossage if they were able to come up with a planting plan for the Grace McCarthy overlook. Committee member Jonas stated it is the time of year when the Rotary Club will be making transitions in their leadership, so the club will wait until the new President comes on board, which will be in July. Committee member Gossage said this would give her time to draw a planting plan. She recently visited the site to take measurements and note what plants would be staying. The plant list created by Committee member Gossage that would be discussed later in the meeting will be a valuable tool for creating the site. Chairperson Moses asked Committee member Jonas if there would be a Rotary Club planting day in the future. Committee member Jonas stated she would like to have something scheduled soon.
- C. Crespi Planters:** Chairperson Moses will work with Committee member Wells and City staff to advertise the available Crespi sites on social media. Committee member Bennett will join Chairperson Moses on site to reevaluate the sites when a meet-up date is chosen.
- D. Plant list for sponsor:** Committee member Gossage revised the BAC's original 2012 planting list and shared it with the membership. Committee member Gossage said she kept most of the plants on the list, removed one that was not local to the area, and added more native species. She also discussed plant height, water tolerance, and dormancy. Committee member Gossage asked if additional information should be included, such as what color a

plant might bloom, or if it grows berries. Chairperson Moses explained the Palmetto project to member Muirragui and said the planting list was updated to give sponsors additional options, so they did not plant unapproved plants. Committee member Bennett said the Yarrow plant that member Gossage planted at the Rotary Club site is doing well. Councilmember Beckmeyer told Chairperson Moses the lavender plants are looking great and thanked her for your planting guidance. Committee member Gossage stated she noticed a site in Mountain View was transitioning to native pollinator varieties and the plants have been successful with attracting bees, butterflies, and other wildlife. She thought starting to see some of these plants in Pacifica would be very beneficial. Councilmember Beckmeyer received another complaint about the overgrown weeds at the Linda Mar Park N' Ride parking lot, which is owned by Caltrans. Director Petersen said City staff will remind Caltrans again about keeping up with their maintenance. Committee member Wells said the mailbox is at the corner of Linda Mar Blvd. and De Solo Dr. is in his opinion, a very dangerous location and suggested it be moved inside of the Caltrans parking lot. Councilmember Beckmeyer agreed it was a good idea and said she would help move the suggestion forward. Chairperson Moses asked Committee member Wells how the Crespi Garden Club planter was looking, and he said it looks good.

E. Pacifica Beautification Award guidelines: Chairperson Moses asked Committee member Muirragui if he had a chance to look at the BAC's webpage to learn about the current projects. Member Muirragui stated he informed himself a bit before the meeting. Since meetings are temporarily being held virtually again, Chairperson Moses will work with City staff to scan the application submittals and photos so they can be shared with the Committee. Committee member Bennett obtained one residential application and two business applications. Chairperson Moses asked everyone to review the application once again and note any changes that should be made so the group can vote on these changes at the July meeting.

F. Committee and Commission Annual Report and Work plan to Council- June 13, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.: Chairperson Moses said she will be presenting the report to Council and asked Committee member Hoffman if she can assist with looking over the PowerPoint. Director Petersen would like Chairperson Moses to provide her with the report by Tuesday, June 7th.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

General Updates from Public Works:

A. Anza Pump Station Murals- Field Services Manager Paul Lavorini: Field Services Manager Lavorini was not present to discuss item.

Director Petersen reiterated the importance of having the BAC annual report returned to her the week before the Council meeting and said staff is available to help if needed.

Council member Beckmeyer asked Director Petersen to share how the May 18th Public Works Open House went for Public Works Week. Director Petersen said there was a great turn out from the public and schools. Each Public Works department had booths set up and invited guests to learn more about their daily work as well as current City Capital Improvement projects. Staff showcased their equipment and even had Councilmember Vaterlaus lifted on their tree truck.

Director Petersen also discussed the May 24th Civic Center Campus Facilities Project Groundbreaking even. She said along with the City Council, the project's Architect, Contractor, and Project Management Team were present and everyone was excited to start and move the project forward. Chairperson Moses said she spoke to someone on the project at the event about City Hall's historical value and how they intended to renovate around that. Council member Beckmeyer explained it will be a significant remodel and acknowledged the preservation of the building. She said one of the challenges of City Hall, which was the original Pacifica school house, is the building is not currently ADA compliant. She said an elevator will be installed which will allow access to the second floor of the building.

Councilmember Beckmeyer excitedly announced Pacifica's first annual Pacifica Pride Parade which will be held on Saturday, June 4th. A recent press release went out that invited Community members to gather at the Community Center and affirm community values ensuring that residents of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expression are treated with respect and dignity. Councilmember Beckmeyer said they would be starting with remarks by the Mayor and other speakers, followed by the Pacifica Hot Rods leading the Pride car parade north on Highway One before turning back on Palmetto. The second parade will start at Ingrid B. Lacy school and will be led by motorcycles and the CoastPride float. The parade will turn down Beach Blvd. and back up Palmetto to end up back at the school.

NEW BUSINESS:

The membership would like the Crespi Bioswales on the July agenda. The topics they would like to discuss should include weeds, moisture, and a new grass that is growing in one of the sites. Going forward, a portion of the meeting will be dedicated to Councilmember Beckmeyer to allow her to brief the membership on City news and any other items she would like to discuss. This new section will be titled, "Councilmember Updates."

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Due to the July meeting occurring the week of the Independence Day holiday, the group agreed to postpone the meeting until the following Wednesday, July 13th.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chair Moses closed the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

The next meeting of the Beautification Advisory Committee will be postponed due to Independence Day and is scheduled for July 13, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.