



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

**Wednesday, December 2, 2020
6:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:35 P.M. by Chairperson Melinda Moses

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Gail Bennett, Patty Hontalas, Linda Jonas, David Martinez, Melinda Moses, and Dan Wells

City Council Liaison: Sue Beckmeyer

Staff Members: Lisa Petersen, Sam Bautista, Aren Clark, Lawrence Henriquez, and Michelle Trayer from Public Works

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved.

APPROVAL OF November 4, 2020 Minutes: Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Yvonne Lorvan- Rotary, Chair of Environment and Climate Change Committee:

Committee Member Linda Jonas invited Yvonne Lorvan, the Chair of the Rotary Club's Environmental Climate Change Committee to speak about a new area of focus, which is the recognition and awareness of the climate. Each club has an RCAT (Rotary Climate Awareness Team), and the club is very excited. The club recently met and had Lynn Adams from the Beach Coalition discuss plastic being discarded in the city and ocean and how the club can help. The Chair also mentioned Patrick Hall is interested in working with those helping to restore the Steel head trout in San Pedro Creek. The Chair was very interested in the preservation of the pollinators since there has been a loss of bees and monarch butterflies in the area. In order to restore them, they need to be given a place to feed, and the club is interested in teaming up with the Pacifica Garden Club and the 4H to plant milkweeds and any plants that would attract pollinators.

BAC Committee Member Dan Wells learned from a recent club presentation that the sizeable Broadleaf milkweed seems to be the only variety of milkweed that attracts the monarch butterflies. Dave said there are a couple of milkweed varieties he has grown from the seed that have grown well, but it takes time for root establishment. He also planted a native garden at Oddstad Park to attract butterflies and bees and has tried to incorporate California Native plants in BAC's designs to help with attracting them as well. Dave recently watched a Master Gardeners' lecture that discussed making habitats for bees and butterflies. The California Maple trees would attract the butterflies, but emphasized nectar needed to be planted below for them to feed. Dave thought the committee should find a California Native plant expert to consult with,

but in the meantime said he would share a website California Native plant site that has information on what plants to choose based on location. Councilmember Sue Beckmeyer suggested the committee use “Connect with Pacifica” or other channels to request someone join a subcommittee who may have knowledge of California Native plants and pollinator attraction.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Aren Clark’s Retirement:** Aren Clark, Public Works Parks Superintendent, will be retiring from the City after 33 years of service. The committee thanked Aren for all of his help over the years and wished him well.
- B. Joint Project Proposal in Conjunction with Public Communication:** Chairperson Moses noted there was no further discussion as this topic was covered in the Public Communication portion at the start of the meeting.
- C. Grace McCarthy Overlook Planting Plan:** Dave shared a detailed design plan for the replanting of the Grace McCarthy site. Deputy Director of Public Works Sam Bautista asked if the plants at the vista point exit will be a site distance issue for vehicles. Dave said they would not be because they would not grow over 3 feet. It was discussed the Rotary Club will continue to maintain this site.
- D. Wrap up of Palmetto work days:** Gail told Public Works replacement hardware was needed for a few signs on Palmetto, and four of the bump-outs need more plants because some were missed on one of the planting days. Linda mentioned one of the Rotary Club boxes on the eastern side needs more euonymus plants. The Fog Fest area did not appear to have been tended to, so the BAC will do some planting until a Fog Fest representative can be reached.
- E. Cabrillo Bioswales-** Chairperson Moses drove by the site recently and noted the eastern bioswale is full of water, while the northern one seems to be dry. Dave met with Igor Lacan from the Master Gardeners who is researching bioswales around the Bay Area. Mr. Lacan agreed the bioswales at the Cabrillo School were not installed properly and are not supposed to hold water. Public Works Deputy Director Sam Bautista told the committee Senior Engineer and Project Manager Ray Donguines is aware and is working with the contractor about the issue. Councilmember Beckmeyer said the School District is making plans to reopen the school as early as the third week of January, so there is a concern about the state of the bioswales. Councilmember Beckmeyer shared that Councilmember Sue Vaterlaus would like to adopt a small area on the south side.
- F. Historic BAC Gardens- BAC liaisons/contract renewals:** Melinda will check in with Gail about the contract renewal list and make sure the applicants are keeping up their two year agreements going forward. The committee also discussed the BAC liaisons of the sponsor sites. Councilmember Beckmeyer asked if there was any movement of Lisa Eccleston adopting the 400 Rockaway Beach area and getting water to it. Public Works Director Lisa Petersen said Aren looked into the issue and confirmed water could be installed at the site. Aren will contact the water company to install a meter when it is decided by the committee that is the actual plan.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1. 400 Rockaway Beach:** Public Works Director Lisa Petersen wanted to know once the sponsorship starts, approximately how long it takes for planting. Chairperson Moses noted the rainy season is the best time to plant and asked Patty if there was any movement on Lisa Eccleston's part. Patty informed the group that Lisa Eccleston is waiting on a planting plan from the BAC. Dave said he provided Lisa Eccleston with a plan for the garden on the west side, but has not visited the east side area yet because the committee was still discussing the water issue. Linda will work on submitting a renewal application for the Rotary Club. City staff will ensure the committee has access and copies of important BAC documents such as sponsorship agreements.

NEW BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA:

No new business or items for next meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Reminder to email, text, or call if not attending the meeting as it is important for quorum. Please review minutes and agenda before meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chairperson Moses closed the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

The next meeting of the Beautification Advisory Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. and is subject to change.