

**CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA
FOREST AND BEACH COMMISSION**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday March 7, 2013

1:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Forest and Beach Commission of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, California was held on the above date at the hour of 1:30 p.m. Chairperson Leverone called the meeting to order and adjourned to the tour of inspection and reconvened the meeting at 2:09 p.m.

PRESENT: Lisa Boardman
Karen Ferlito
Les Kadis
Tom Leverone - Chairperson
David Refuerzo

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Branson, City Forester
Margi Perotti, Secretary to the Forest and Beach Commission
Sharon Friedrichsen, Public Services Director

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members of the audience joined the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPEARANCES

No appearances.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of the minutes for the 15 February 2013 special meeting.

It was moved by LEVERONE and seconded by FERLITO to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COMMISSION MEMBERS: BOARDMAN, FERLITO, REFUERZO, LEVERONE
NOES: COMMISSION MEMBERS: NONE
ABSTAINED: COMMISSION MEMBERS: KADIS
ABSENT: COMMISSION MEMBERS: NONE

V. APPLICATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Consideration of an application to remove one Sweetgum tree (*Liquidambar sp.*) (20" diameter) due to the tree disrupting the driveway, walkway, a utility box and a planter. The site is located on the northeast corner of San Carlos and 7th Avenue. The applicant and property owner are the Virginia Leidig Tr. and the City of Carmel.

Mike Branson, City Forester presented the staff report. Chairman LEVERONE opened the public hearing. Mike Brown and Clyde Klaumann appeared before the Commission. There being no further appearances the public hearing was closed.

It was moved by LEVERONE and seconded by REFUERZO to deny the application with staff's recommendations for hardscape repair. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COMMISSION MEMBERS: BOARDMAN, FERLITO, KADIS, REFUERZO,
LEVERONE
NOES: COMMISSION MEMBERS: NONE
ABSTAINED: COMMISSION MEMBERS: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSION MEMBERS: NONE

2. Consideration of an application to remove two coast live oaks on private property (11" and 15" diameter) and a 13" diameter coast live oak from public property for construction of off-street parking and a single family residence. The applicant and property owners are Pete Campbell and the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Mike Branson, City Forester presented the staff report. Chairperson LEVERONE opened the public hearing. Peter Davis and Clyde Klaumann appeared before the Commission. There being no further appearances the public hearing was closed.

It was moved by LEVERONE and seconded by REFUERZO to approve a portion of the application. Approve the removal of the 15" oak for safety reasons and deny the removal of the two oaks at the front of the property. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COMMISSION MEMBERS: BOARDMAN, FERLITO, KADIS, REFUERZO,
LEVERONE
NOES: COMMISSION MEMBERS: NONE
ABSTAINED: COMMISSION MEMBERS: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSION MEMBERS: NONE

V. ORDERS OF BUSINESS

1. Review and comment on the Dry Weather Urban Runoff Diversion Project.

Mike Branson, City Forester presented his staff report and addressed questions of the Commission. Sherman Low, City Engineer and Bob Jacques, storm water program manager, addressed questions of the Commission. Chairperson LEVERONE opened the public hearing. No action taken.

VII. REPORTS FROM STAFF AND COMMISSION

1. Receive verbal report from the Ad Hoc Beach Committee.

Commissioner REFUERZO stated the tops of bolts on the walkway are exposed, which could constitute a hazard if someone is bare foot and could cut their foot.

Commissioner Ferlito said the ice plant just north of the 11th street stairs has fallen and is on the beach.

Commissioner Boardman talked about the squareness of the corner at 4th and San Antonio. Branson said it was deliberately put in to slow vehicular traffic and to provide a pedestrian barrier from traffic.

Commissioner Refuerzo stated fires are starting north of 10th Avenue, Commissioner Boardman suggested the beach rules should be given out to people who buy firewood for a beach fire. Commissioner Refuerzo offered to deliver beach rule cards to Bruno's and Nielson's Markets.

2. Forester's Report.

Mike Branson, City Forester presented his reports and addressed questions of the Commission.

- a. February tree data report.
- b. Project updates
- c. Parks activities
- d. Beach Activities.

Chairperson LEVERONE opened the public hearing at 3:10 p.m. Steve Brooks appeared before the Commission. No action taken.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson LEVERONE adjourned the meeting at 3:22p.m.

Approved,

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Leverone, Chairman

Margi Perotti, Secretary