

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 7, 2012

1:30p.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 1:32 p.m. The meeting was adjourned to the tour of inspection and reconvened the meeting at 2:37p.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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. APPEARANCES

Steve Brooks appeared before the Commission.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of the minutes for the 3 May 2012 regular meeting.

It was moved by KADIS and seconded by REFUERZO to approve the consent calendar. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

V. APPLICATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Consideration of an application to remove three Monterey pine trees (36", 24" and 23" diameter) with root damage on a construction site for a new single family home. The site is located on the west side of Santa Rita Street, 2 north of 6th Avenue. The applicant and property owner is Corey McMills.

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

Chairperson LEVERONE opened the public hearing at 2:21 p.m. Corey McMills and Steve Brooks appeared before the Commission. The public hearing was closed at 2:32 p.m.

It was moved by FERLITO and seconded by KADIS to approve the application for tree removal with the following conditions: 1) Following removal – all stumps shall be ground out; 2) all surrounding trees be sprayed for bark beetles, 3) three replacement trees be planted in the same general area and be as large as possible – depending upon availability at the nursery; ; 4) the soil for the replacement trees must be amended to ensure survival and growth of the new trees; 5) the replacement trees must be recorded with the property so any future owners are aware these trees are protected and a permit must be obtained for removal; 6) A monetary penalty of \$12,290.00 must be paid by the property owner. The motion **carried** by the following roll call vote:

Chairperson Leverone made a substitute motion to be the same as the above motion but the penalty be reduced to \$6,000 due to some liability from the City. The motion failed due to no second.

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

2. Consideration of an application to remove one Monterey pine (30" diameter) due to damage to a driveway and safety and liability concerns. The site is located on the east side of Torres Street, 2 south of 5th Avenue. The applicant and property owners are Marcia Stewart for Steve and Ann Kenfield.

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

Chairperson LEVERONE opened the public hearing at 2:58. Marcia Stewart and Aaron Wilowski appeared before the Commission. The public hearing was closed at 3:05 p.m.

It was moved by Chairperson LEVERONE to postpone consideration and direct the applicant to remove the pavers to the roots can be seen and appraised as to their significance. At that time a determination can be made regarding tree removal or retention. The motion was seconded by REFUERZO and 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 discuss a revision to the tree permit ordinances and procedures.

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

Chairperson LEVERONE opened and closed the public hearing at 3:30 p.m.

It was moved by KADIS and seconded by BOARDMAN to continue this item to the next regular meeting.

2. Review and comment on a modified beach proposal from Sustainable Carmel.

Margaret Eaton presented the modified beach proposal.

No action taken.

3. Review and provide a recommendation to the City Council regarding a request from a resident for extending the Scenic Road dogs on-leash requirement to the North Dunes boardwalk.

Mike Branson, City Forester presented his staff report.

Chair LEVERONE opened the public hearing at 4:02 p.m. Jeff ~~D'Angelo~~ Barron appeared before the Commission. The hearing was closed at 4:08 p.m.

Following discussion, it was moved by LEVERONE and seconded by REFUERZO to forward a recommendation to the City Council to continue with the current policy. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

4. Consideration of Developing an Arbor Day Event for 2012.

Chairperson LEVERONE appointed Commissioners BOARDMAN and FERLITO as the Ad Hoc Arbor Day Event Committee for 2012, and they asked that the report back at the next regular

meeting. No other action taken.

VII. REPORTS FROM STAFF AND COMMISSION

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

Chairperson LEVERNONE appointed Commissioners REFUERZO and BOARDMAN as the Ad Hoc Beach Committee. No report for this month.

2. Forester's Report.

Mike Branson City Forester presented his report.

Chairperson LEVERONE opened and closed the public hearing at 4:18 p.m.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson LEVERONE adjourned the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

Approved,

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Leverone, Chairman

Margi Perotti, Secretary