

Huntington Beach

Southeast Area Committee

May 18, 2010

Attendance: Mayor Pro Tem Jill Hardy, Chair; Council Member Joe Carchio,
Council Member Devin Dwyer

City Staff: Todd Broussard, Kellee Fritzal, Bob Hall, Scott Hess, Jeff Lopez
Vickie Nuse, Rosemary Medel, Doris Powell

Mayor Pro Tem Hardy called the meeting to order at 4:38 pm.

1. Public Comments

No Public Comments

2. Poseidon Project

Scott Hess announced the release of the SEIR and the 45 day comment period. The information was sent out via email to interest group.

3. Ascon Landfill Project

Rosemary Medel said that the Coastal Development Permit was approved and that DTSC has approved the mitigated negative declaration so that work can begin on the Interim Removal Measure. Medel introduced Mary Urashima, a representative of the property owner, who gave an update. Urashima stated that equipment will be moved on to the site on July 5 and removal of material from lagoons 1 and 2 will begin the following week. Haul trucks will be removing material Monday through Friday for the next eight months. A question was asked about weed removal. Urashima stated that DTSC has approved the plans for weed abatement on the site however they must protect the tar plants which are sensitive native species.

4. AES

Eric Pendergraft gave an update on the plant. He mentioned that the permits for units #3 & 4 are set to expire in September 2011. AES has requested an extension until 2011 to give them time to replace these units. The California Energy Commission has not responded to their petition. Discussion on the other units, the usefulness of the plant to the power grid, the different types of units, the once through cooling system, and unused power poles on the site, followed.

5. Park Projects

Vicki Nuse introduced David Baronfeld from Huntington Beach Community Garden. He described the proposed 2 1/2 acre site near Brookhurst and Atlanta in the Edison right-of-way. The proposed garden is modeled after the Long Beach Community Garden and will have 84 plots (15x20 feet). Plots will be available to

Huntington Beach residents who are members of the Community Garden. Members of the public expressed their concerns about soil contamination, parking and fences. Mary Urashima asked about donations and volunteers. Mr. Baronfeld said that they would be welcome.

6. Major Development Projects-

Kellee Fritzal reported that the Beach and Atlanta shopping center has begun the remodel of the bank building.

7. Capital Improvement Projects

Todd Broussard reported on the following projects:

Newland Street Widening – Verizon has completed the undergrounding of utilities on the west side of the street. The Contractor is working to complete the street improvements. A member of the public asked about the bridge. Broussard said that it will not be improved until the adjacent sites redevelop.

Newland/Hamilton Traffic Signal – Is under construction and should be completed in a week.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 pm.

Adjournment to July 20, 2010.

Lower Level Room B-8.