

# Huntington Beach Southeast Area Committee May 20, 2008

**Attendance:** Council Members Jill Hardy, Joe Carchio, and Don Hansen

**City Staff:** Todd Broussard, Nova Punongbayan, Vickie Nuse,  
Rosemary Medel

Council Member Hansen called the meeting to order at 4:40 pm.

## **1. Public Comments**

Dave Guido thanked Public Works Department for planting extra trees along Newland Street. He was disappointed that tree boxes south of Atlanta had been filled with concrete. Todd addressed that concern, saying it had been determined trees were not viable there anymore. Jack Kirkorn then noted that the recent tree wells constructed utilized mulch, which is a good ground cover. However, at older tree wells, no mulch was put down, causing weeds to grow. Could the City put mulch in those areas? Todd said he'd look into it.

Suzie Smith asked who would be replacing the vacated Ralph's at Hamilton & Brookhurst? Don replied that Ralph's had sold the lease back to the former property owner, but there is no public information yet. Nova mentioned that they are talking to a few markets.

## **2. Poseidon Project**

Rosemary Medel reported no new updates.

## **3. AES Property Tax**

No new items at this time. Todd indicated to David Stone that landscaping obligations don't need to be postponed until end of year, and will work with him.

#### **4. Ascon Landfill Project**

Rosemary Medel reported no new updates in Planning. Mary Urashima from Ascon reported that all site investigations have been submitted to DTSC, including the Revised Feasibility Study. The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) will soon be issuing a Notice of Preparation for Clean-Up. DTSC will hold a public scoping meeting after that, in early summer. DTSC is the lead agency for the Clean-up EIR. Upon certification of the final remedy completion, the owners of the ASCON site may submit an application to process an amendment to the Specific Plan to change the ASCON land use.

The EIR process can be lengthy, a year or more. Cleanup itself (one of the 6 alternatives mentioned at last month's meeting) could take 2 years. Joe Carchio asked what the City could do to speed it up. Urashima said "Call DTSC" as they are the lead agency; however remediation itself cannot be rushed. Testing on materials is required, and there can be many elements that slow the process, such as weather, wind and other unknowns. The moving and handling of materials can be slow; for example, the sludgy-oil material limits the number of trucks that can be used per day.

There was a public inquiry as to the dry vegetation on the slope by Magnolia – would there be cleanup there? Urashima assured that this area is included in the remediation. There was another inquiry asking if the area close to Magnolia was slated to be "domed". Yes, this is one of the areas that a "sprung structure" may be utilized. Ascon is investigating odor suppressant materials because styrene is very pungent, difficult to manage petroleum odor.

DTSC is the lead agency. They will send out notices to the public. They would like to hold scoping meetings in the local neighborhood.

Council member Jill Hardy asked if those along the haul route would receive notification. Urashima assured that there would be notices sent from DTSC, and that different haul routes are being looked at to find the best route.

## 6. Park Projects

Vickie Nuse reported no new items. They are moving forward with LeBard. Our consultant found no evidence of the endangered ferry shrimp at LeBard, and now the City is waiting for clearance from State Fish & Game.

## 7. Capital Improvement Projects

Newland Street Widening is officially under way. Reader boards are in place, announcing construction delays for up to a year.

The Magnolia Street sidewalk has no change.

The residential slurry at Meredith Gardens is still scheduled for this year.

City Entry Signs are up now on PCH near Brookhurst with solar lighting to follow.

Transportation Projects:

- . Adams/Ranger Traffic Signal – bidding will take place in the summer.
- . Newland/Hamilton traffic signal bidding will take place late in the year.
- . Yorktown/Windward and Indianapolis/Titan traffic signals are being constructed as part of the Safe Route to Schools project, and will be constructed during the summer.

In-Road Lighted Crosswalk @ Bushard/Yellowstone will be awarded in June and also constructed during the summer.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

**Adjournment to July 21, 2008.**  
Lower Level Room B-8.

*Notes by Nova Punonbayan and Marilyn Murray.*