

Huntington Beach

Southeast Area Committee

July 15, 2008

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

City Staff: Todd Broussard, Kellee Fritzal, Vickie Nuse, Doris Powell, Ricky Ramos, Simone Slifman

Council Member Hardy called the meeting to order at 4:33 pm.

1. Public Comments

Marion Sheri discussed a notice she had received in the mail from the Fire Department about a passive gas system that is being put in place at Edison Park. Todd Broussard explained that the system is a passive treatment for methane gas that comes from the former landfill below the park. Councilmember Hardy asked that the Fire Department discuss the matter at the next meeting.

Dave Guido asked for a status update on the residential construction project on Newland Street. Councilmember Hanson explained that in general, housing has slowed down due the difficulty of getting financing and the changes in the housing market. Guido said that the area needs more dust control. Hardy asked who is responsible for monitoring the site. Kellee Fritzal responded that City Building and Public Works departments monitor construction sites. George Mason asked if work has stopped on Pacific City. Hanson replied that it has.

2. Poseidon Project

Ricky Ramos reported no new updates.

3. Ascon Landfill Project

Ricky Ramos reported no new updates in Planning. Mary Urashima from Ascon reported that the project is on hold while they wait for the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to complete the scope of work for the EIR

consultant. DTSC is expected to finalize the contract by the end of August/ early September. A Notice of Preparation (NOP) is anticipated in September or in the fall, and will be posted on the Ascon website. A public inquiry was made about clean up of weeds on the site. Urashima stated that native plants are one of the sites erosion control measures. After the native plants have reseeded, the dry grass and weeds will be cut back.

4. AES Property Tax

Staff stated that the next permit review will take place in 2011.

6. Park Projects

Vickie Nuse reported plans for Edison Park were approved by the DRB and are now tentatively scheduled for hearing by the Planning Commission in August. Hardy questioned Nuse about the public notice for the methane gas remediation and asked that park staff be better informed about the project. Nuse confirmed that the staff would be informed and that the notice would be clearly posted. Ms. Sheri asked that the City pay close attention to tree planning in the park because of the potential of trees to fall or to causing damage to sidewalks. She asked for an inventory of the number of tree that have fallen in the park. Nuse stated that Community Services is working closely with an arborist to ensure that the appropriate plant types are selected. Nuse reported that soil studies are being done at Le Bard Park to determine plantings and improve drainage. In addition, the ramp is being upgraded so that it is ADA accessible. Jack Kirkorn asked what is being done on the Edison right of way near Edison School. He says the garden that was there is now cleared. Nuse said that she would look into it and report back at the next meeting.

7. Capital Improvement Projects

Broussard reported that the award of the construction contact for the Magnolia Street sidewalk project is expected to be heard by the City Council at August 8th meeting.

Transportation Projects:

- Adams/Ranger Traffic Signal – bidding will take place on August 2nd.
- Newland/Hamilton construction of traffic signal nearly done.
- Yorktown/Windward bid has been awarded and construction to begin.
- Indianapolis/Titan traffic signals bid for construction recently awarded.
- In-Road Lighted Crosswalk at Bushard and Yellowstone has been awarded and project is expected to be completed by the time school starts.

Jack Kirkorn asked about the street light at the three-way intersection at Indianapolis and Titan. He said that the light is over the signal and not the street. Can this be reversed? Broussard encouraged Mr. Kirkorn to call Bob Stachelski because he is the best person to explain how the streets are lit. Members of the public asked more several questions about street lighting and signal placement. A decision was made by the committee to ask Bob Stachelski to attend the next meeting to respond. A member of the public asked about the asphalt work on Newland and asked if the City coordinated with utility companies. Broussard said that Public Works tries to coordinated paving projects to minimize impacts on the community.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 pm.

Adjournment to September 16, 2008.
Lower Level Room B-8.

Notes by Doris Powell and Simone Slifman.