

HUNTINGTON BEACH
SOUTHEAST AREA COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 15, 2005

Attendance: Jill Hardy, Mayor; Don Hansen and Cathy Green, Councilmembers

City Staff: David Biggs, Carol Runzel, Rosemary Medel, Todd Broussard, Doug Kato, David Webb, Shari Freidenrich, and Eric Engberg

Jill Hardy called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

Public Comments:

- George Mason suggested that a sidewalk be added to the project list (a boardwalk on the wetlands side made of low-maintenance materials).
- Tim Geddes urged the completion of a sidewalk along Magnolia as a public safety issue. He reported that there were a large number of pedestrians on the Fourth of July. Requested that improvements be installed before the next Fourth of July. He also pointed out that there is a bus stop on the bike path going northbound on Newland and wanted to know the status. (Doug Kato will respond to this inquiry.)
- Craig Justice showed interest in the Environmental Board and is interested in tracking the sale of the school district properties.

Financing and Capital Projects Update – David Biggs. The Tax Increment revenue for the 04/05 year is estimated at \$167,000. Any balance of the revenue will be budgeted for the design work for the undergrounding of utilities project, leaving no additional capacity to fund other projects. Todd Broussard reported that a consultant has submitted plans for plan check and construction should commence soon.

AES/State Board of Equalization Valuation – David Biggs

Upon an appeal by AES, the value of the power plant changed from \$286 million to below \$100 million. As an informational item, Mr. Biggs reported that Van Horn Consulting was selected to conduct a valuation study of the AES power plant. Eric Pendergraf, AES, welcomed a full assessment of the valuation methodology. He reported that the earlier \$300 million value was a mistake as the cost of fuel was not taken into account.

Current Issues Update

- Ed Kerins reported that at the Beachmont Center, located at Brookhurst & Adams, the asbestos removal was complete and demolition will occur soon. The project is expected to be completed in November 2005.
- Mr. Biggs reported that the demolition of the Target store is complete. The new store is expected to be completed by December 2005.
- Gary Gorman, reported that the Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy was completing the engineering and will be obtaining its grading permit within a week. The landscaping plan is in preparation. The foundation is expected to be poured in about two weeks. The HBWC is expected to take title to the sand dunes and they will be getting rid of the non-native plants.
- Ed Kerins, Merideth Gardens Homeowners Association, sent a letter to OCTA in opposition to the freeway expansion project.

The meeting was adjourned approximately at 4:45 pm.

Notes prepared by Carol Runzel, Project Manager