



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Meeting Minutes and Action Items: December 3, 2009

Present: Guido, Marquez, Marshall, Mootchnik, Rice, Schaaf, Smith
Absent: Glover, Gordon
City Staff: Aaron Klemm
Commission: None
Liaison: None
Public: Tom White
Guests: None

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved for the November 5, 2009 meeting.

III. Public Comments

None

IV. Informational Items:

Budget Neutral Green Funding

Aaron Klemm, Energy Project Manager for the City of Huntington Beach presented various funding options for future energy savings projects in order to attain budget neutral funding. He reviewed HB's green priorities, the city's utility costs, and upcoming potential energy saving projects. The funding options for these projects include low interest bonds, the annual city budget process, and/or reinvestment of energy savings from previous projects. The staff recommendation is to adopt a reinvestment policy, lobby Congress for EECBG allocations, and authorize staff to pursue all energy/sustainability budget augments with 50% of energy savings reserved for future energy projects.

V. Action Items:

A. Budget Neutral Financing Options for Energy/Sustainability Projects

A motion was made and passed to support the staff recommendation to adopt a reinvestment policy whereby staff will be authorized to pursue all energy/sustainability budget augments using 50% of the savings from energy reduction projects.

Action: The Board will compose a letter to City Council supporting the staff proposal to allocate 50% of project energy saving for future energy projects. The letter is to be reviewed by high level HB staff before submittal.

B. Energy/Green Committee (Mootchnik, Gordon, Marshall, Smith)

Bob Smith discussed the Cool Cities program. The "Green Building for Cool Cities" project, in partnership with the U.S. Green Building Council, is an effort to make new and retrofitted buildings more energy-efficient. This program is designed to reduce the creation of "global warming gases" and to transition to clean energy.

C. Solar (Schaaf/Guido/Glover)

- Municipal Photovoltaic Solar Project – The ad hoc committee along with 3 HB staff personnel reviewed the proposals for the HB Solar Project feasibility study, design to bridging documents, environmental reviews, entitlements, and bid support. Digital Energy, Inc. of Westlake Village, CA has been awarded the work from the review analysis. Their work is scheduled to be completed by April 2010.
- Sharp Outreach - There are plans to assemble a press conference to highlight a Sharp solar installation in HB. See "Communications" section below.
- AB 811/Retrofit Ramp-up - Orange County cities are working together to attempt to get a \$20-\$40 MM government grant for energy management projects.

D. Communications (Glover/Rice/Marquez/Smith)

- LED Holiday Lights Trade-in Program – EB members helped staff the HB's booth on November 3 and 10. Lights are still available from the Planning Dept. on the 3rd Floor.
- Media Event – Sue Marquez and Bo Glover will assist organizing a press conference for the first Sharp solar installation project.

E. Environmental Awards (Marshall/Marquez/Guido) – It was agreed that solicitation for nominees would go out in early January and the awards will be presented at a March City Council meeting.

Action: Start advertising the Environmental Awards in early January, distribute application forms, and request a March date from City Council to hand out awards.

F. 2010 Goals and 2009 Annual Report

The 2010 Environmental Board goals were reviewed. A motion was made and passed to approve the 2010 goals. The fifth draft of the 2009 Environmental Board annual report has been distributed electronically. We are close to completion on the report.

VI. Administrative Items

- A. Field Trip – Four members of the EB toured the ASCON Landfill on December 3, 2009.
- B. Correspondence/News Articles/Announcements – Information was reviewed on a new energy system being developed in Norway, a LEED modular home being built in Newport Beach, and water conservation efforts in California.
- C. Requests to Place Items on the Next 3 Agendas (Dec., Jan., Feb.)
 - Early adoption of the California Green Building Code

Action: Add “Early Adoption of the California Green Building Code” to the January agenda.

VII. Good and Welfare

- VIII. Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. The next meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on January 7, 2010. The guest speakers for that meeting will be Steve Bone and Shirley Detloff discussing “Marketing HB Environmental Values.”