



# CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

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## ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

### Meeting Minutes: January 3, 2007

Present: Guido, Justice, Mootchnik, Rice, Schaaf, Smith, Soutner, Marshall, Marquez  
Absent: None  
City Staff: Rosemary Medel  
Commission: Blair Farley  
Liaisons: None  
Public: None  
Guests: None

#### I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting started at 6:36 PM.

#### II. Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes for the December 6, 2007 meeting.

#### III. Public Comments

None

#### IV. Action Items:

1. New EB members Mike Marshall and Sue Marquez introduced themselves to the other members.
2. The updated Contact List was reviewed. Blair Farley's contact information will be added to the list. Rosemary Medel will distribute the list after his information is included.
3. The City Council liaisons to the EB are still Debbie Cook and Keith Bohr. They may be changed in the near future.
4. 2008 Ad-Hoc Committee Assignments
  - a. Liquid Waste – (Schaaf, Soutner, Marshall, Marquez)
  - b. Solid Waste – (Mootchnik, Justice, Guido)
  - c. Business and Public Education – (Smith, Soutner, Rice, Marquez)
  - d. Environmental Awards – (Smith, Justice, Guido)
5. 2008 Environmental Issue Listing
  - a. Green Building committee
  - b. Polystyrene packaging use and reduction
  - c. Plastic products reduction (bottle caps, plastic grocery bags)
  - d. Develop an EB web page on HB's website
  - e. Energy conservation
  - f. Water conservation
  - g. Commercial and residential construction project material recycling

- h. Public education articles to publish
  - i. Urban runoff pollution
  - j. City vehicle alternative cleaner/fuels – CNG and hybrid
  - k. Award sponsors
  - l. Energy Fair
6. Craig Justice will assemble a draft version of the 2007 Annual Report and send to EB members for review before the February EB meeting.
  7. Bob Smith reviewed the January 02 L.A. Times article on the Orange County water recycling project. The project takes treated sewage water to ponds in Anaheim. The water then percolates into the ground water. The plant is expected to start operation on January 25<sup>th</sup>.
  8. Michelle Soutner discussed the need to educate the public on water conservation. California is in a drought. Over-watering yards and other wasteful procedures may be reduced by making the public aware of the problem.
  9. HB has posted positions for an Energy Project Manager and two Water Conservation Coordinators.
  10. Energy and Green Building – The first committee meeting will be Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>.
  11. Energy Fair – No update.
  12. HB City Closed School Sites – The School District hired an appraisal company to determine the value of each of the four properties that might be sold. The report from the appraisal company is expected to be presented at the January 15<sup>th</sup> School Board meeting. The District is also trying to determine the amount of funds it will need for capital improvements on their other properties. The amount needed will impact how many schools may be put up for sale.
  13. City Board Roundtable – There will be a meeting of city board heads the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every odd month (January, March, etc.)
  14. Environmental sub-committee reports:
    - a. Liquid Waste – (Schaaf, Heimstra). No update.
    - b. Solid Waste – (Mootchnik, Justice, Guido). No update.
    - c. Business and Public Education – (Smith, Soutner, Rice). The committee has been trying to meet with Geraldine Lucas to figure out how to get water quality information on the HB web site.
    - d. Environmental Awards – (Smith, Justice, Guido). Craig Justice will write a letter to City Attorney Jennifer McGrath to seek written confirmation that the EB has approval to seek sponsorship for the awards.

**V. Information Items:**

1. Water Quality Update - None
2. Field Trips
  - a. Still working on a time for the AES tour. Rosemary Medel will follow up to see if a date can be worked out with AES.
  - b. The Orange County Water District Water Recycling Facility is a potential field trip for later in the year.

- c. LEED Building – Dave Guido will do some research to find a high level LEED certified building for a tour.
3. AES Update – AES is still in the permitting phase with the final report due for the State Water Board on January 9<sup>th</sup>. AES's intent is to follow the old regulations. They are looking at installing an offshore platform with narrow wedge filters for water intake and outtake.
4. Planning Commission Agenda Overview
  - a. The Planning Commission approved the CUP and EIR for the Senior Center. The Landscape Plan will have to come back to the Commission for approval. The building will cost \$300,000 more to be LEED certified and \$700,000 more to reach LEED Gold certification. Mayor Cook has appealed the approval. The issue will be reviewed by the City Council on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. The HB Wetlands Restoration will be discussed in January.
5. City Council Upcoming Study Sessions – Of interest is the DTSC – Ascon update on February 19.

#### **VI. Administrative Items:**

1. The next meeting will be on February 7, 2008 at 6:30 PM in the City Council Chambers.
2. Agenda additions for next meeting:
  - a. Discuss potential free parking for high MPG vehicles in city parking lots
  - b. Follow-up on Rainbow's recycling program in HB

#### **VII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 PM.