



# *City of Huntington Beach*

## *Charter Review Commission*

### **ACTION MINUTES**

**Tues., Dec. 1, 2009, 6:00 PM**

- I. Roll Call: Jerry Bame, Ralph Bauer, Mark Bixby, Patrick Brenden, Shirley Dettloff, Dick Harlow, Gregory Hartnett, Marijo Johnson, Gary Kutscher, Joe Shaw, Ray Silver, Sharie Sneddon, Tim Stuart, Dave Sullivan, Shane Whiteside  
Brenden, Sneddon, Silver, & Whiteside Absent
- II. This meeting is dedicated to taking public testimony on Section 612 (Measure C) of the City Charter. Comments on any portion of the City Charter are always welcomed.
- III. Public Comments:

Public Comments were received as following;

1. Mark Porter – On behalf of Huntington Beach Tomorrow – Keep 612 as is except to adjust the \$100,000 cost limitation by the cost of living.
2. Robert Dingwall – Leave Measure C as is, remove monetary limitation.
3. Kim Kramer – Requested Section 612 be amended to eliminate the exclusion for libraries and adjust the cost limitation to reflect variations in the size of the park.
4. Ed Kerins – Keep 612 as is except for cost of living increase.
5. Eileen Murphy – Leave Section 612 as is.
6. Merle Moshiri – Keep as is. Requested that future ballot measures be more specific.
7. Mindy White – Don't change.
8. Leslie Gilson – Keep as is.
9. Jean Nagy – Leave as is; prefers no monetary limitation.
10. Armida Brashears – Leave as is.
11. Carrie Thomas – Do not change, not even \$100,000. Ballot measures should include more detailed information.
12. Richard Plummer – Supported Measure C – Questioned the need for any change except possibly adding libraries.
13. Blair Farley – Would like minute action (preamble to Charter) included in the Charter as part of Measure C.

#### **LATE COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Letter dated 11/24/09 from Karen Jackle on behalf of HB Tomorrow
2. Letter dated 12/01/09 from Connie Boardman
3. Remarks from Kim Kramer
4. Remarks from Robert Dingwall



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## **LATE COMMUNICATIONS 12/01/2009:**

1. Letter dated November 24, 2009 from Ed Kerins on behalf of Huntington Beach Tomorrow.
2. Letter dated December 1, 2009 from former Mayor, Connie Boardman.



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November 24, 2009

Charter Review Commission  
City of Huntington Beach  
2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach, California 92648

Subject: Measure C

Huntington Beach Tomorrow was the primary force in initiating and gaining approval of Measure C, which limits development on our beaches and parks. This initiative was passed by 75 percent of the electorate.

Our position in 2009 is that the only modification to Measure C HBTomorrow will support is to adjust the \$100,000 cost limitation by a cost of living index. This course of action seems reasonable and prudent.

Huntington Beach Tomorrow stands ready to vigorously oppose any other modifications.

Sincerely yours,

Karen Jackle  
President  
Huntington Beach Tomorrow

Connie Boardman  
8401 Sweetwater Cir  
Huntington Beach CA 92646

December 1, 2009

Dear Charter Review Commissioners,

Thank you for your efforts in reviewing the Charter of Huntington Beach. I understand tonight you are taking comments about Measure C. Unfortunately due to work commitments, I will not be able to attend, but I did want to submit some comments to you.

I do not believe the \$ 100,000 trigger for a Measure C vote should be changed. The goal of measure C is public input on projects the city has planned for our parks and beaches, and even projects of \$ 100,000 or slightly more can have a large impact on our parks and beaches, so I do not believe the cap should be raised.

If the commission were to make changes to Measure C I think changes to provide more information to the voters of the city would be worthwhile. For example, rather than having a Measure C vote early in the process prior to any environmental documents such as EIRs or other environmental assessments, I support a vote done later when factual information obtained from these documents would be available to the public.

A call for the vote later in the process would also give time for a fiscal impact statement to be done by the city so voters will have a more accurate picture of the overall cost of the project to the city.

Requiring an EIR or other assessment prior to a Measure C vote, would increase the cost to the city prior to a vote, but a better educated public is worth the cost. This way the public can have a better understanding of the impacts of their vote. A more informed voter can make better decisions.

Sincerely,

Connie Boardman  
Former Mayor, City of Huntington Beach