



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Meeting Minutes and Action Items: February 2, 2012

Chairman: Gordon
Others Present: Nicolson, Marshall, Schaaf, Coffmann, Orrill, Lunghino
Absent: Glover, Smith
City Staff: Aaron Klemm
Commission: None
Council Members: Boardman
Public:

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:39 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved for the January meeting, as moved by Schaaf, seconded by Gordon

III. Public Comments

Andy Forth, vice president of Eco Cover gave a presentation on his green product which is manufactured in Huntington Beach. It's the world's first biodegradable mulch made from recycled waste office paper. The paper that would ordinarily be discarded or recycled, is laminated and used to regrow trees. It's a true cradle to cradle operation. EcoCover has a 25,000 sq. foot facility. They are a member of various agricultural trade organizations, and works with many universities. Some of the product attributes:

- Compostable, conserves water, promotes plant growth, moderates soil temperature, builds soil carbon levels, zero waste, biodegradable, controls weeds, reduces plant mortality, reduces soil erosion, eliminates use of herbicides, saves money, people & planet.

There are over 20,000 U.S. organic farms spanning 3.2 million acres

IV. Action Items:

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Updates and Announcements-

The Grassy Knoll project – Gordon provided an update. 1.6 million gallons of water to maintain each year. Return on investment may be 5 years based on Turf Conversion money from MWDOC. Motion passed to

B. EIR- Skate Park Schaaf motioned that the board submit the letter that was submitted for the initial study. The motion passed unanimously.

C. FIELD TRIPS-

- i. Eco Cover Factory – Andy will coordinate with Gordon

- ii. Solar Walk – 2012 Aaron distributed a fact sheet regarding the effectiveness of the newly operational solar facilities. This will be distributed again once a date for the solar walk is scheduled.
- iii. Orange Coast River Park – tentatively scheduled for February
- iv. Environmental Nature Center
- v. EcoLog- Located in Huntington Beach

D. ONE TIME USE BAGS AD HOC COMMITTEE (Orrill, Coffmann, Marshall, Lunghino)

Orrill provided an update that in between meetings she has been sending updates on bag bans across the country. Coffmann provided an update on the fundraising for the EIR. They have some strong sponsors. There will be a ban-the-bag gala at one of the three major hotels along PCH in HB, tentatively scheduled for March or April.

E. GREEN & SOLAR ENERGY COMMITTEE (Smith, Gordon, Marshall, Lunghino)

SCE Regional Strategic Plan: Aaron provided an update
 Solar Update: Public Works has deemed the project complete

F. COMMUNICATIONS (Glover, Smith, Orrill, Coffmann)

3rd Party Direct Install Energy Walk – Date scheduled for February.

Chamber of Commerce issued a survey for Business Sustainable Action Committee (BSAC)- California Community College Foundation will participate with Village Green sponsoring an energy audit for midsize businesses. It will be based on developing a software program for 15 small businesses who participated in a survey. Launch will be March 5th.

Awards season –

CA Sustainability Showcase, Award will be announced in March or April.

CA Center for Sustainable Energy – application submitted

USGBC-OC – awards on 1/26/12 – Anaheim won

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS (Marshall/Schaaf/Nicolson)

SCE, and Rainbow's "Seed Award"

Gordon will be presenting this award tentatively in January. Also, suggested clearer application guidelines.

Prop 84 funding- Water/Stormwater and Measure M2-\$18 million in grants available across the state for water quality and energy. Coffmann put together a letter to be sent to the City Council regarding potential grants that the city qualifies for, and also offered grant writing resources. Motion passed to add new update on potential EPA funding (potential \$10M in beach clean up aide).

VI. Administrative Items

Correspondence/News Articles/Announcements – Schaaf mentioned that natural gas prices reduced. Orrill will invite DTSC and Green chemistry and green chemicals program.

Coffmann invite someone from Hurley H2O to talk about their Hydration Stations. Tentatively scheduled for June.

Requests to Place Items on the Next Agenda

VII. Good and Welfare

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned approximately 7:10 p.m. The next meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on March, 2012 in room B7.