



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Meeting Minutes and Action Items: February 5, 2015

Chair: Nicholson
Others Present: Coffman, Gordon, Sheldon, Schaaf, Soriano, Budica
Absent: Budica
City Staff: Hayden Beckman
Commission: Dan Kalmick (absent)
Council Members: None
Public: Debbie Killey

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

The board reviewed and approved minutes after the following corrections from the January 15th meeting were made: (Sheldon) under Good and Welfare; correction to strike-out the word "too" relating to organizations he belongs to; (Gordon) under Good and Welfare; it was the Mayor of Seal Beach that stopped property intrusion on the plot of land near the Naval Weapon Station; (Killey) under (F) Environmental Awards, information should not be forwarded to her, should be to (Gordon, Nicholson, Hayden); (Hayden) wants clarification from Coffman's statement regarding Water Quality? (Coffman) just wants to know what the City is doing for water quality; we've earned that right to know. A move to approve was made by a vote of 5-0
Hayden introduction to the board Planning Commissioner, Michael Hoskinson

III. Public Comments

Speaker – Bill Conley, LEED AP, CFM, OC Sustainability Collaborative – presentation on high level density

Presentation on Municipalities "Sustainability in Smart Cities" relating to population growth: Focus of people, offer "how to guides" there are 14 guides right now from lighting to waste management – these are free research covered by subject matter experts. Bill described the projections and reflex ions of looking at what we are doing to our City, moving to three (3) areas: economy, equity (everyone) and ecology (the environment) with a focus of maintaining our resources. Smart Cities, using technology more and more, track, measure and monitor data, Cities can help recommend; environmental components. For example on (ban the bag) is a lesson on community involvement togetherness. Two types of mobilizing more and more is the importance of sustainability, transportation – climate action plan; the use of renewables, example wind machine on buildings; use of technology. Surfrider to make awareness of the environmental impacts; benchmarking with other cities and comparing what they are doing. Climate Action Plan – compare, make changes gradually with private & public interest. Sustainability index (a measurement) grassroots effort, benefiting ordinary people not the well to does. SB 375 – measure, monitor sustainable communities; learn from successes and failures examples: "ban the bag" bringing it back, water usage – how do you measure storm water runoff, Surfrider clean up stuff; lighting change to LED tubes; parking? Example in Laguna it's a \$2 cab ride to any part of the city in an effort

to stop climate changes; SCAQMD has public health initiative; healthy foods, trash, keeping them health. Title 24 for existing building, the word "Sustainable Surf City" in Huntington Beach is a draw for a lot of people. Cities and Counties are moving toward a more sustainable means. Urban movement was 10 people per acre, now 12 to 15 per acre with buildings going vertical. Living closer; suburban sprawl is going away. Discussion on the emerging 2050 "San-San" growth in the Santa Barbara to San Diego to San Bernardino region with planned rail systems. Vertical construction more and more – buying floors of buildings; because of density, water conservation (reclaimed water) to "Big Data" an IT movement to collect more data than we know what to do with; important to weed out what's important for a sustainable city plan. Find out what we have to monitor that's important, ex. Get on the sustainable road, "think inside of other peoples boxes" all of us need to support each other. The big questions? Things are coming down the pipe either plan for or to ignore it. How do you as a city save money, energy, water etc.? Sustainability is the right road to go down – plan ahead. Gordon, brought out the Times building in OC as turning them into condo's – affordable housing. Bill says there is common sense to garnering our resources, Cities can drive change. Are there any questions? (Hoskinson) ask if Bill was promoting "High Density" in cities; Bill said that he's not promoting it, he's just talking about it, it is happening, it's what cities are going to do about it. The point is sustainability is the right road to go down with a plan on how to save money, water and energy as density continues. Hoskinson sites 4,000 to 5,000 new units are coming on line. Hayden "Big Data" – technology is coming (tracking date) urban planning; (Coffman), very timely revising our general plan, importance on the effects of sea level rise; preparation of our climate action plan. (Gordon) it's now changed to "Sustainability Action Plan."

(Nicholson) ask for other public comments: (Killey) states "Fix it Clinic" just got updated and fixed and online. (Coffman) – update on the grassy knoll, he's not ready to speak on it, (Sheldon) was a landscaper identified yet? (Coffman) Mel was introduction to Joe Berg, Mel is the person in charge of landscape project; it's been designed putting a plan of bridges, bio swales, dry bed creeks. Once completed they will invite people to walk it.

HOA – (Coffman) – no updated information from Chuck on the original grassy knoll at Seapoint and Garfield.

IV. Action Items:

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- o **SCE Substation** – No report
- o **ASCON** site visit – (Gordon) was someone going to set up a visit? Gordon will set it up action item to get a hold of Mary and come up with some dates.

B. EIR – (Hayden) has update, after consulting with the attorney's office and appeal of the ordinance, Bill already in effect but we have to bring it up to the council, before we do that we have to modified the EIR to Rincon Consulting different time and cost with Addendum vs. Supplemental EIR. (Hayden) states decision was not made yet, but what we have is their going to run the analysis based on the "no project alternative" that was identified in the original EIR. Supplemental run the analysis target date "draft" early March; review and confer with attorneys bring to the City Council by April. Addendum is quick and easy. (Sheldon) just to clarify when you talk about taking it to city council in early April, it that the recommendation? (Hayden) bring analysis to City Council same time with CEQA; (Hayden) early March (first or second week) Draft analysis 30-45 day public comment. In an Addendum it's not required.

C. Resource Management committee (Gordon/Coffman/Bechtold/Soriano)

- o Ocean Friendly restaurants – (Budica) absent; No report from Soriano. (Coffman) announces Island's in Fountain Valley with an OFR program; they use recyclable paper. (Sheldon) asked if the "Styrofoam Challenge" is a volunteer thing as part of Surfrider, (Coffman) states that it's performed

by an independent guy; (Sheldon) states that it seems like we should coordinate the efforts; (Coffman) said that the person is in the HB Open Forum and at this time we should not extend the olive branch. Let them be on their own for now.

- D. General Plan committee – (Coffman, Budica, Schaaf alternate)
(Coffman, Hayden) reported that they had a G-Pack meeting; recommendation that (Schaaf) attend the next meeting and the HB Community Forum as well. Critical analysis of the City (Hayden) states G-Pack members welcome public to attend. Last meeting was a bad choice for a venue. Seating arrangements for the G-Pack board had their back to the audience. (Hayden) says that 50 to 100 people are expected to attend net meeting. (Sheldon) heard about the meeting, but had to scroll past the webpage to find the agenda for the meeting.
- o Circulation – (Sheldon) reports he gets zero information from the taskforce (Hayden) stated that there is no new activities on the website; probably from dealing with turnover.
 - o Sea level Rise – (Sheldon) – says the meeting is the same day as the G-Pack variability assessment analysis project on seal level rise (Sheldon) none of the other groups have met
 - o Biological resources – (Hayden) board wants him to put Killey's name in for the committee. Toni Ram will be taking over Hayden's position with the Environmental Board. (Hayden) will be on the "Sustainable Green Team" but will still be involved and informed with our board and will be taking over "Sustainable Green Team" in April. (Hayden) has to re-notice the vacancies; it will be well over a year since this was last done. He will also need to submit applications. (Killey) said she saw the openings for the Sustainability Board in the HB Independent; (Hayden) has to place notice in the City Manager's newsletter (general announcement) once that closes. The City Council has full power to make decision (Sheldon) states that Hoskinson and Kalmick get our official notice; and Delgleize and Hardy are our two City Council liaisons. An alternate has not been identified (Hayden) thinks it may be Katapodis
 - o Sustainability Action Plan (Sheldon, Gordon, Soriano) – No update
 - o Open Space (Schaaf) – No update
 - o Coastal (Davis, Coffman, Schaaf) – No update
 - o Public Health & Hazards (Nicolson) – No update
- E. Ocean Debris committee (Nicolson/Coffman/Soriano)
- o Water Quality Topics – (Coffman) restated that he would like to know what the City is doing for Water Quality.
 - o Desalination – (Coffman) states that March 26th is the next meeting on DESAL with R4RD.
 - o Beach Cleanup – (Soriano) passed out 2015 Surfrider Foundation beach cleanup schedule stating that the schedule is under dates not by State/City; on the opposite side of the bi-fold are the Surfrider active committees and their descriptions of activities in programs or campaigns. We also have a data sheet for the past 3-years that has records (will bring to next meeting) of the amount of volunteers, the pounds of debris picked up with sub-categories for cigarette butts and Styrofoam weights that are picked up. (Coffman) mentioned that Pegasus is doing water quality analysis for bacterial counts. Pam Conti is give reports online. Findings recently are its safer to get into the water beyond 72 hours – last testing showed 800 times higher in bacteria. Measurement of contamination by human and animal waste is contributing to high count. (Gordon) states that the Back Bay is getting worst with birds doing their business. (Sheldon) has Surfrider done any separation of the plastic bags with the debris picked up? (Soriano) not at this point, but will in the future. (Sheldon) points out that people need to be more responsible for their own disposal. Other issue is Ariel pick up of the bags from city containers. (Gordon) pointed out that Rainbow containers have lids on them. (Sheldon) question to the board, is this something we need to

recommend to the City council? (Coffman) yes, we need to put a descriptive letter together on our letterhead with Nicholson's signature. (Hayden) ask not to be on the circulation for review, playing it safe. At this time, copy just the members of the board. Toni to be in April "Business Sustainability" she will be energized and positive.

F. Environmental Awards (Gordon/Nicolson) – (Gordon) Submitted lots of applications; Awards event still scheduled and will take place on March 13th, deadline is 5 PM... The Awards will be by Environmental Board sponsored by Rainbow Environmental. Applications can be forwarded to Gordon and Nicholson also Hayden receives them. There will be two (2) awards per district – HB and Ocean View, a total of 4 awards. (Gordon) said that the interest is higher with using people in the PTA and Educational Foundation.

V. Administrative Items:

A. Correspondence/News Articles/Announcements None

B. Requests to Place items on the next 3 agendas - (Coffman) putting Joe Berg as speaker for next month (March); (Gordon) placing Toni Grant as liaison for April; (Sheldon) talked informally with Gordon after the Sustainability Surf City meeting about drafting of the ordinance for fireworks; how are they going to implement it? Provision for education component – buy at City booths to (hand something out) notify people of their responsibilities of where to discharge, to be safe and make sure about smart disposal. (Sheldon) states that there is an issue of disposal of unfired fireworks; (Gordon) to call county for proper disposal of hazardous waste. (Sheldon) states there are two categories: one is unfired ex. gets wet; everyone is supposed to fire off by 10 PM and fired, we must post something about proper disposal. The question is there anything to bring up to the City in terms of disposal efforts?

VI. **Good and Welfare:** – (Hayden) has reported his shift in position; Antonia will be a very capable staff liaison, he will be involved in EIR's, make action on the Beach/Edinger corridor – that will be the topic for the next 2-years or so; (Hayden) states the "Green Team" is re-assembling. They will be meeting in the next 6 weeks with Public Works Waste; Public Works Water, Planning and Building. The City/Staff team will be internal active with the first topic writing a "Sustainable Action Plan."

VII. Preview of upcoming meetings:

- Joe Berg will speak

VIII. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm. The next meeting is March 5th, 2015 at 5:30pm.