



# CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

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## ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

### Meeting Minutes and Action Items: January 5, 2012

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

#### II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved for the December meeting, as moved by Schaaf, seconded by Marshall.

#### III. Public Comments None

Deborah Orrill spoke about the Recycling and Resource management program at Golden West College. The community-based "green" jobs training program offers an associate's degree and certificate of achievement. Program includes job and intern placement assistance. The board was directed to watch a video on the North Pacific Gyre, titled Pacific Garbage Dump, available on YouTube. RRM Vision is training and placement in recycling and resource management. The program also addresses sustainability, and the triple bottom line is people, planet, profit, which is so present in today's workforce. Campus Living Lab includes a sustainability office, commissioner, and an advisory committee. Algalita Resources provides guest speakers. This is all a part of a nationwide government effort for green jobs.

#### IV. Action Items:

##### A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Updates and Announcements-

The Grassy Knoll project has come back up, per Councilman Bohr's direction. He would like the Environmental Board to approach the Homeowner's Association to attempt to re-landscape the knoll and convert the area to native plants. Smith made a motion, seconded by Marshall to take on the project, and approach the HOA. The executive committee will take the lead.

##### B. EIR- None

##### C. FIELD TRIPS-

- i. Eco Cover Factory – January or February
- ii. Solar Walk – 2012

- iii. Orange Coast River Park – tentatively scheduled for January
- iv. Environmental Nature Centre
- v. EcoLog- Located in Huntington Beach

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

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, Marquez, Smith, Orrill, Coffmann)

3<sup>rd</sup> Party Direct Install Energy Walk – postponed to Q1 2012 no update

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.

Aaron Klemm has approximately 1300 reusable bags to pass out that were provided by Edison. Orrill motioned that the city leverage timing of passing out the reusable bags with the implementation and marketing of the bag ban, expected in the Spring of 2012. The motion passed unanimously.

Aaron Klemm announced that the city will apply for an award for being a state leader in energy management. Winner to be announced January 26<sup>th</sup>.

Awards season – CA Sustainability Showcase, ULI, OC-APA and CA Center for Sustainable Energy, USGBC-OC

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS (Marshall/Marquez/Schaaf/Nicolson)

SCE, and Rainbow's "Seed Award"

Gordon will be presenting this award tentatively in January

Prop 84 funding- Water/Stormwater and Measure M2-\$18 million in grants available across the state for water quality and energy. A motion passed to ask what the city is doing to acquire some of these funds. Coffmann will draft a letter to be sent to city council and staff. Offer was also made for potential grant writing. It will suggest some best highest use, and potential candidates.

## **VI. Administrative Items**

Correspondence/News Articles/Announcements –  
None

Requests to Place Items on the Next Agenda

Smith motioned that the board establish an ad hoc Bag Ban Committee. The motion passed, and members will be selected at the next meeting.

## **VII. Good and Welfare**

## **VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned approximately 6:40 p.m. The next meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on February 2, 2012 in room B7.