



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Meeting Minutes: March 6, 2008

Present: Guido, Justice, Marquez, Marshall, Mootchnik, Rice, Schaaf, Smith, Soutner
Absent: None
City Staff: None
Commission: Joe Shaw
Liaisons: None
Public: Ray Hiemstra
Guests: None

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting started at 6:35 PM.

II. Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes for the February 7, 2008 meeting with one revision. The "Green Fair" will be on September 20, 2008. The minutes read that the fair would be either on September 14th or September 21st.

III. Public Comments

Ray Hiemstra presented 2 items to the board.

1. Mr. Hiemstra provided information on a "Butts Only Box". These boxes are used to collect cigarette butts. They can be located at various spots to reduce litter from cigarette butts from HB beaches and other places.
2. Coastkeepers is initiating a residential water infiltration program. They plan to provide homeowners with BMPs for maximizing infiltration thereby reducing water run-off and helping recharge aquifers.

IV. Action Items:

1. There was a public presentation of the Beach Blvd. Corridor project on February 27, 2008 at the Main Library. Work on the EIR is beginning and there are plans for revisions to the City Plan such as redefining the zoning code in the area to allow for residential developments. Concerns, such as the increased traffic, will be sent by Board members to Craig Justice. Chairman Justice will compose and send a letter outlining these concerns.
2. There are large uncovered dumpsters at the beach allowing birds and wind to spread trash. These should be covered. Research will be done to see to whose attention this concern needs to be addressed.
3. HB City Closed School Sites – The HB City School District Board voted at their Feb. 19, 2008 School Board meeting to sell LeBard school. The school is located near

Brookhurst and Indianapolis in the Meredith Gardens development. They also voted to negotiate leases with the current tenants of 2 other closed sites (Gisler and Burke). Alternative options for the Kettler school were going to be studied. The Board's desire was that the City of HB buys LeBard. Discussions between the School District and the City are underway. The EB gave Craig Justice authority to write the City Council recommending that HB purchase the property so that it can be kept as recreational and open space for HB residents.

4. The new ad hoc sub-committee teams and issues were reviewed. Craig Justice provided the Board with a current listing of members and environmental issues that the teams were addressing.
5. Environmental sub-committee reports:
 - a. Energy/Green – (Mootchnik, Guido, Smith, Marshall).
 - i. Green Fair – The Green Fair committee met on February 11, 2008. The fair will be September 20, 2008 on the Main Library Parking lot and in the library's meeting rooms. Three sub-committees were formed (content, vendors, and logistics). It is expected that there will be 100-200 booths. The EB plans to have a booth or table. The EB may be needed to help during the fair's set-up.
 - ii. Ad Hoc Green Committee – David Mootchnik presented his survey of Green programs at other Orange County cities. Eight of 34 cities in OC have programs. Anaheim's is the most extensive. The EB approved that David Mootchnik present his survey to the Ad Hoc Green Committee to help give the group direction and establish goals. The committee's next meeting is scheduled for March 31, 2008.
 - iii. LEED Certification for Senior Center – An organization called LPA did a LEED analysis for the HB Senior Center. The estimated cost for LEED Certification was \$330,000 and for LEED Gold Certification approximately \$700,000. There was not a pay back or other form of economic analysis in the report. The EB gave Craig Justice authority to send a letter to the City Council and Planning Commission a letter requesting LPA provide an item by item analysis. From this analysis, it can be determined which LEED items will provide a cost benefit. The analysis should be completed before the June City Council discussion of the matter.
 - b. Liquid/Solid Waste – (Justice, Schaaf, Soutner, Marquez). Laguna Beach has banned polystyrene use in restaurants. Craig Justice provided the Board with the Laguna Beach report on the costs of doing the ban. The Board gave authorization for Craig Justice to compose a letter to the City Council recommending that HB institute a similar ban.
 - c. Business and Public Education – (Smith, Soutner, Rice, Marquez). The sub-committee met with Marty Habor and Ducan Lee of City staff. From the meeting, the sub-committee learned that there are more reviews and approvals needed before getting the environmental information on the City web site. However the staff members have indicated that they are willing to work with us to try to make it happen.
 - d. Environmental Awards – (Smith, Justice, Guido). Dave Guido will be talking to Mayor Cook about getting a letter from City Attorney Jennifer McGrath confirming that we may get sponsors for these awards.

V. Information Items:

1. Water Quality Update - None
2. Field Trips
 - a. The AES tour will be April 2, 2008 after 2 PM. The tour will last about 2 hours.

- b. The Orange County Water District Water Recycling Facility tour will be on March 27th.
 - c. LEED Building – Dave Guido will do some research to find a high level LEED certified building for a tour.
 - d. Grey Water – The tour of Pepperdine’s grey water facilities in Malibu may be in May.
3. AES Update –None.
4. Planning Commission Agenda Overview
- a. The HB Wetlands Restoration CUP will be discussed on March 11th.
5. City Council Upcoming Study Sessions
- a. Potentially including LEED items in the Senior Center development is scheduled for the June 16th meeting.

VI. Administrative Items:

- 1. EB Members need to fill out and submit the “Statement of Economic Interest” form.
- 2. The next meeting will be on April 3, 2008 at 6:30 PM, City Hall Council Chambers.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.