



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Meeting Minutes and Action Items: November 18, 2015

Chair: Soriano
Others Present: Budica, Killey, Sheldon, Coffman (partial), Miller, Bornstein, Nicolson
Absent: Gordon
City Staff: Graham
Commission: Kalmick
Council Members: None
Public:
Speaker:

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Review of August minutes

Motion to approve minutes by Soriano, seconded by Bornstein

III. Public Comments

Speaker: Sustainable Business Certification Program by Trevor Blythe and Ian, EcoNomics

Trevor talked about the progress of the new program to be rolled out in 2016. He discussed the process for creating the criteria and feedback from interested organizations. He would like the EB to write a letter of support for the program. Graham will send examples for board to use as template for letter.

IV. Action Items

A. EIRs

A-1. Admiralty Drive Bridge Rehabilitation over Queen Elizabeth Passage: Comments due 11/30/2015. Soriano, Miller and Sheldon formed a subcommittee to review and comment.

A-2. Notice of Preparation of Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Huntington Beach General Plan: Comment letter submitted on 11/6/2015.

V. Committee Updates

A. Executive Committee

A-1. Discussion of Goals: Budica lead the discussion on goals for the board in 2016. She will summarize and send out for review before adding to final report for city council to approve in December. Committee asked city to promote EB meeting and speakers on social media.

B. Resource Management Committee

B-1. Nothing to report.

C. Ocean Debris & Water Quality Committee

C-1. Beach Clean-up: Board will add other beach clean-up reports to the agenda for discussion including Coast Keepers. Bornstein volunteered to contact Scott Smith of Beach Operations to find out which organizations have beach clean-up permits.

C-2. Adopt a Channel: No update as Coffman not present.

C-3. Ocean Debris: Scott Smith is working with adopt-a-can group in Huntington Beach and Seal Beach.

D. Natural Environment

D-1. Orange County River Park: On 11/10/15, Killey attended luncheon with Graham to learn about the OCRP organization. The group coordinates landowners down the Santa Ana River Trail and Beaches to promote land stewardship and help with grants for restoration, management and other projects. They were formerly under Friends of Harbors, Parks and Beaches. Killey will continue to be the EB liaison with this organization as much of the property is located in Huntington Beach.

D-2. Bartlett Park: City received \$400,000 to start renovations of the park.

E. Energy Issues

E-1: Streetlight Update: Streetlight project was approved and the city received a \$7.7 million loan from state to purchase and retrofit the streetlights.

E-2. Energy Performance Districts: These are areas identified by local government either residential or business to create a neighborhood approach to energy savings. These areas can apply for grants to improve energy savings.

VI. Administrative Items

A. Environmental Board Procedural Matters: Annual Report Draft is complete and ready for review. Graham to send out for comments to be received by 11/20.

VII. Environmental Board Requests

A. Speaker Requests: Anaerobic Digesters (Killey to confirm for January)

B. Agenda Requests: Follow-up and report on battery acid spill in Sunset Beach.

VIII. Environmental Board Comments

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.