



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Meeting Minutes Action Items: October 1, 2009

Present: Glover, Guido, Gordon, Marquez, Mootchnik, Marshall, Rice, Schaaf, Smith
Absent: None
City Staff: Aaron Klemm, Rosemary Medel, Mary Beth Broeren, AICP
Commission: Barbara Delgleize
Liaison: **none**
Public: Kristen Bender, Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy
Guests: Jason and Penny Scheurer, Living Green Homes
Sam Lafata, Standard Concrete Products
Tom Tietz, California Nevada Cement Association

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved for the September 3, 2009 meeting.

III. Public Comments

None

IV. Action Items:

Dave Guido requested to move up Informational Item V. B. to the next item on the agenda.

Informational Items:

V.B. Beach – Hilton Wetlands Problem (Maintenance by HOA) (Guido)

Dave Guido provided an overview of the issues regarding the Little Shell Wetlands located north of the Hyatt Hotel and west of Beach near a housing development project. Kristen Bender, Vice President of the Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy, provided details of the issues and expressed the urgent need to resolve them.

Dave Guido made a motion to draft a letter to the appropriate city staff person with copies to the City Attorney and City Council. The letter would inform staff of the issues and recommend that the issues be resolved.

Dave Mootchnik expressed his concern about the content of the letter and to whom it should be directed. He then made an amended motion to have the letter sent to the City Attorney and City Council advising them of the issues and the need to resolve this matter quickly.

The Board members approved the amended motion. After approving the amended motion, the meeting returned to the normal Agenda order.

Action: Dave Guido, with assistance from Dave Mootchnik, will prepare a letter for Bob Smith's signature to be transmitted to City Council and City Attorney.

- A. DEIR No. 08-008 (Beach –Edinger Corridor) (Rice, Smith, Mootchnik) – Planner: Rosemary Medel

Rosemary Medel and Mary Beth Broeren, AICP provided an overview of the DEIR, explained differences between a program level EIR vs. project specific EIR as well as answered questions and listened to comments from Board members Don Rice, Bob Smith, and Dave Mootchnik.

Action: Dave Mootchnik will prepare a comment letter for Chair to send to Staff/Council by October 12, 2009 integrating points made by Rice, Smith, others.

A request was made to have Informational Item V.A. move to the next item on the Agenda.

Informational Items:

- V.A. - Jason Scheurer – Pervious Concrete Presentation

Jason and Penny Scheurer were guests but did not make the presentation. Tom Taitz, California Nevada Cement Association, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the subject item. Sam Lafata, Standard Concrete Products, was present to assist Tom with questions. The meeting returned to the next item on the Action Items.

Action Items (continued):

- A. Energy/Green Committee
- HB Solar Goals - Aaron updated the Board on the status of city solar goals.
 - Energy, Carbon Updates (AB811; City Water Town Hall) - Aaron updated the Board on AB811 and status of Los Angeles and Orange County's RFPs. Bob Smith summarized the Town Hall meeting on water issues.
 - Green Score Card items as trade offs for variances – Board members and Aaron Klemm discussed Green Scorecard's relevancy given City of Irvine's recent elimination of its Green Check List and the City of HB soon adopting a green building code. In that context, the Board could examine various incentives/carrots and strategies the City could consider implementing to encourage green building practices including developing a menu of green building options and policies.

Action: Executive Committee to meet with or send a letter to Councilmember Jill Hardy regarding the Green Score Card project.

B. Sustainability Framework (Smith/Schaaf/Gordon/Guido)

- Goals and Annual Report options – Robert Schaaf presented draft goals. Comments were provided by Board members resulting in changes to some of the draft goals and others to be discussed further by committees.

Action:

- 1. Executive Committee to rewrite energy audit goal**
- 2. Each Committee to review and modify existing goals to reflect recent Council ordinance changes and present the goals at the November 5, 2009 meeting for discussion**

- Past and future meetings with Council/Staff – Discussion ensued regarding how to streamline the meetings including reducing standing items and focusing on action and informational items.
- Bylaws Options – Bob talked about the bylaws and how they have been partially codified by city ordinance. He stressed that we be informed when drafts are being finalized by Staff.

Action: Sustainability/Green Committee to review bylaws and bring recommendations for modification back for discussion at a future meeting.

C. Communications (Glover/Rice/Marquez/Smith) – Bo summarized the Green Expo Event. He also talked about revising committee’s job description and enhancing its exposure in the community. Bo requested that Board members forward him any Board informational materials for update.

D. Environmental Awards (Marshall/Marquez/Guido) – Discussion on this topic was covered under Action Item A.

V. Informational Items:

- A. & B These two item were discussed above.
- B. Future Board Presentations and Format - Dan Torres will talk about Permaculture at the November Board meeting.
- C. AES &/or Poseidon Updates - Dave Guido provided an update on the Poseidon project.
- D. Ascon Update - Bob Smith announced there will be a tour of the facility sometime between late October and early December for up to four Board members.

VI. Administrative Items:

- A. Correspondence/New Articles/Announcements – None
- B. Requests to Place Items on the Next Agenda - Board members took a straw vote to change the start of the meeting time from 6:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The straw vote passed and it will be placed on the November Action Item Agenda.

VII. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m. The next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on November 5, 2009.