



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Meeting Minutes and Action Items: September 4, 2014

Chair:	Nicholson
Others Present:	Coffman, Gordon, Sheldon, Schaaf, Soriano
Absent:	Bechtold
City Staff:	Hayden Beckman
Commission:	Dan Kalmick
Council Members:	None
Public:	Debbie Killey, John Shipman

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

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

II. Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed and approved minutes from the August 7th meeting by a vote of 5-0.

III. Public Comments

John Shipman presented to the Board his program CHERP – Community Home Energy Retrofit Project. The program focuses on helping residential homeowners reduce energy consumption by making whole-house energy-efficiency improvements. The program is expanding in Huntington Beach after a successful establishment in the City of Claremont. Specifically, CHERP educates homeowners on their options for energy retrofit projects, and connects owners with licensed and “best-of-class” contractors specializing in those improvements.

IV. Action Items:

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- Green Expo Update – The Green Expo will be September 13. Staff advised the Environmental Board will have a booth and will share space with the Water Department. Board discussion concluded a staggered attendance schedule for the event.

B. EIR – none

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

- Re-usable bags – No update.
- Styrofoam work with Sustainable Surf City (SSC) – On hold to after the November elections
- Ocean Friendly restaurants – No update.

D. General Plan committee – (Coffman, Bechtold, Schaaf alternate)

- Open Space (Schaaf) – No update
- Coastal (Davis, Coffman, Schaaf) – No update
- Sustainability Action Plan (Sheldon, Gordon, Soriano) – No update
- Sea level Rise – (Schaaf) – There will be a meeting in July or August
- Public Health & Hazards (Nicolson) – No update
- Circulation – Complete streets (Coffman, Sheldon) – No update

Coffman advised that the forum for the General Plan update was contentious. Commissioner Kalmick described the background and history to date of the General Plan update effort.

- E. Ocean Debris committee (Nicolson/Coffman/Soriano)
 - ~~Outreach Adopt a River/Channel Discussion (Coffman)~~ Removed from discussion. Coffman advised outreach is at a standstill.
 - Water Quality Topics – No update
 - Beach cleanup pounds of trash removed – Soriano provided statistics on beach cleanup efforts from the August 9th and August 23rd beach cleanup activities.
- F. Environmental Awards (Gordon/Nicolson) – Will start soliciting interest as soon as the new school year begins. Gordon advised that Rainbow Environmental Services will provide two \$500 awards to schools to expand and/or enhance their existing sustainability programs.

V. Administrative Items:

- A. Correspondence/News Articles/Announcements
- B. Requests to Place Items on the Next 3 Agendas

VI. Good and Welfare: Debbie Killey advised that the HB AYSO regions are working to reach a ‘zero-waste’ operation in the near future. She will keep the Board advised of progress.

Staff liaison Hayden Beckman updated the Board regarding the EB brochure that was being updated for their use and distribution at various functions.

VII. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm. The next meeting is October 2, 2014 at 5:30pm.

VIII. Preview of upcoming meetings:

Joe Berg – Turf Removal for October or November meeting.