

Mobile Home Advisory Board [MHAB]

Meeting Notes

April 26, 2010



1. **Call to Order of April 26, 2010, MHAB meeting** Chairperson Barbara Boskovich, called the April 26, 2010, MHAB meeting to order at 6:37 PM.

2. **Roll Call**

In Attendance:	Members Absent:	Council Liaisons:	City Staff:
Barbara Boskovich Elizabeth Alex Mary Baretich Steve Gullage	Mark Porter John Sisker		Kellee Fritzal Sidney Stone

3. **Approval of the Meeting Notes from the Regular Meeting of January 25, 2010.**

The Motion to Approve the Meeting Notes from the MHAB Meeting of January 25, 2010 was carried forward to the MHAB meeting scheduled for July 26, 2010.

4. **Public Comments**

Speaker congratulated new MHAB Members on their appointment to the Board.

5. **Staff Report**

Fritzal reported that the Huntington Shorecliff Mobile Home Park subdivision proposal was approved by the Planning Commission and has been appealed. She added that City Council will be considering the item on May 3, 2010. Fritzal then briefly discussed the public improvements taking place in connection with the Pacific City project.

6. **Old Business**

- a. **Huntington Harbour Mobile Estates (HHME)** – Stone stated that a preliminary settlement had been reached by the owner and residents of HHME. He added that a meeting was being scheduled with the City to discuss the possibility of subdividing the HHME site/park into lots for ownership.
- b. **Update on the Atlanta Street Widening Project**– Stone stated that the same conditions and budget constraints existed with regard to the Atlanta Street Widening Project due to awaited approval of federal right-of-way acquisition funds slated for the project.

7. **New Business**

- a. **Guest Speaker** – Substitute speaker, Judy Ann Morris, President of the City of Huntington Beach Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), related recent

and current efforts being taken to prepare residents, including mobile home park residents, to be disaster prepared. She discussed “grab-and-go bags” as to why they are important for most kinds of emergencies and what items should be placed inside them. She informed guests and members that CERT desires to provide one-on-one and group training on disaster preparedness and first-aid training to mobile home residents, but stressed that CERT must be invited into a mobile home park by an owner, manager, resident or group leader. Ms. Morris stated that a shelter for evacuation is in place to accommodate evacuees for up to 72 hours. Questions from guests and members ensued, to which the following advice with regard to emergency preparedness (as summarized) was offered by Ms. Morris:

- ❖ Residents should have discussions regarding evacuation and disaster preparedness
- ❖ Residents should have a “grab-and-go bag” (preferably a suitcase with wheels) with some cash on hand (small bills and change), copies of important documents such as insurance policies, etc, enough medication for 30 days, and drinking water. She recommended having on hand at least seven days worth of drinking water (1 gallon per person per day).
- ❖ Residents should have an out-of-state relative or friend to contact by telephone and should keep a hand-cranking battery charger on hand for cell phones (available at Target, Wal-mart, etc.). They should also sign up for OC Alerts, a service available to all Huntington Beach residents, to receive important updates in times of disaster.
- ❖ Residents should have pictures on a cell phone of their relatives (especially children) in case they are lost or separated.
- ❖ Residents should strive to maintain a full tank of gas.

b. Huntington Beach Mobile Home Parks Emergency Evacuation Plan Update – Boskovich stated that her research on SB 23 revealed that the State of California had no funds for follow-up or enforcement of the new law, and confirmed that the State was delegating follow-up and enforcement of SB 23 to local jurisdictions. In response, Stone said he would follow up with the Fire Department as to what steps should be taken next in this effort and added that a letter had already been sent to all Huntington Beach mobile home park owners informing them of SB 23 and their responsibility to comply with the requirements therein. Gullage and Boskovich expressed their desire that park managers and residents work together with CERT to bring their particular park into compliance with SB 23.

c. Guest Speaker and location for April 26, 2010 MHAB Meeting – Boskovich asked that the next meeting be held at one of the mobile home parks and that CERT, as the guest speaker, be allowed to introduce their program to the park guests.

8. Member Comments – Boskovich welcomed new MHAB Board Members, Alex and Baretich. Fritzal said that training on the Brown Act would be made available to the new members soon.

9. Public Comments –

- a. Speaker complained that he/she does not always receive an agenda for MHAB meetings. Fritzal said she would speak with the Staff Liaison, Terri King about it.

10. Next Agenda - Old Business

- a. Huntington Shorecliff Update
- b. Huntington Harbour Mobile Home Estates
- c. Update on SB 23

11. Next Agenda - New Business

- a. Guest Speaker - City of Huntington Beach CERT Representative
- b. Guest Speaker and Location for Future MHAB Meetings.

12. Adjournment

Gullage motioned and Alex seconded adjournment of the meeting to July 26, 2010. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm. Vote: 4 ayes, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 2 absent.

The next MHAB meeting will be held on July 26, 2010, at 6:30 pm, at Pacific Mobile Home Park, 80 Huntington Street, Huntington Beach, CA.