



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Meeting Minutes: February 7, 2008

Present: Guido, Justice, Mootchnik, Rice, Schaaf, Smith, Marshall, Marquez
Absent: Soutner
City Staff: Rosemary Medel
Commission: Joe Shaw
Liaisons: None
Public: None
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 January 3, 2008 meeting.

III. Public Comments

None

IV. Action Items:

1. The new Planning Commission representative, Joe Shaw, was introduced to the Board.
2. Rosemary Medel gave a presentation of the Beach Blvd. Corridor project, first shown to the City Council in 2005. There have been 5 community meetings on the project since May, 2007. Another meeting is planned for February 27, 2008 at 6 PM in the Main Library. The project envisions anchor locations for businesses. The anchor locations will put many stores and offices in close proximity to each other allowing people to easily walk from place to place. The commercial settings will be developed in an aesthetically and environmentally friendly manner.
3. Rip Curl Notice of Preparation to Draft EIR - The Board approved that Craig Justice will compose a letter that recommends including the following in the EIR:
 - a. Need to ensure that this project is compatible with Edinger Corridor Study. The EIRs for Rip Curl and the Study should not conflict in anyway.
 - b. The lack of green space or park space in the project and in the area needs to be addressed.
 - c. The EIR should study energy conservation elements that could be included in the project.
 - d. Safety issues such as the nearby railroad and the adjacent high voltage power line need to be reviewed. This should include the danger presented by the electrical lines in the case of an earthquake.
 - e. The impact of train noise.

4. Dave Guido mentioned that Linda Wine will now send issues of potential note via email if that is preferred to regular mail.
5. Dave Guido reviewed an article in the Orange Coast Voice on polystyrene. Laguna Beach has banned polystyrene use in restaurants. Craig Justice will get the Laguna Beach report on the costs of doing the ban.
6. Ad Hoc Green Committee – The first committee meeting was held Jan. 29th. David Mootchnik and Bob Smith attended for the EB. Mayor Cook chaired the meeting. The committee discussed various projects and ideas that the committee could work on. Jack Marshall discussed the idea of expanding the Green Building page on the city's web site. The overall result of the meeting was that the members should come to the next meeting with more definitive plans or ideas. The EB agreed that we should gather information about what other cities are doing to promote Green Building.
7. The Board also agreed to collect information and compose a letter to further promote making the new Senior Center a LEED Certified building.
8. Bob Smith informed the committee on books about Green Building including "Green Building and Remodeling for Dummies."
9. Energy Fair – The Chamber of Commerce is now organizing a "Green Fair" that will be September 20th in the parking lot of the Main Library. Dave Mootchnik will attend the next organizational meeting to get more information.
10. City Board Roundtable – Craig Justice and Bob Smith attended the first City Board Roundtable meeting. Each board presented a short introduction on what their focus is. Then there was a 30 minute presentation by Jack Marshall on the city's web site. The EB can either have a page on the city's site or create its own site.
11. HB City Closed School Sites – There was multiple study sessions and public information meetings last month on the disposition of the unused schools in the HB City School District. The community members who spoke at the meetings were almost 100% against any sale. Only one community member spoke in favor of a sale. Although, there are various viewpoints on the School Board, they are trending towards keeping the current leases on 2 schools, continuing to review options on Kettler, and trying to sell LeBard (near Brookhurst and Indianapolis) to the City of Huntington Beach. There have already been background discussions between the School Board and the City Council on this matter. A vote on the above is expected at the Feb. 19, 2008 School Board meeting.
12. Mike Marshall will do background research on gray water systems. The objective will be to see if there is potential to implement a project in Huntington Beach.
13. It was agreed to restructure the Ad-Hoc Committees and reassign the members. Craig Justice will assemble a matrix for the next meeting containing the issues that each committee will handle. Here are the new assignments:
 - a. Energy/Green – (Mootchnik, Guido, Smith, Marshall)
 - b. Liquid/Solid Waste – (Justice, Schaaf, Soutner, Marquez)
 - c. Business and Public Education – (Smith, Soutner, Rice, Marquez)
 - d. Environmental Awards – (Smith, Justice, Guido)

14. Environmental sub-committee reports:

- a. Liquid Waste – (Schaaf, Soutner, Marshall, Marquez). No update.
- b. Solid Waste – (Mootchnik, Justice, Guido). No update.
- c. Business and Public Education – (Schaaf, Soutner, Marshall, Marquez). The committee met with Geraldine Lucas and Marty Habor to discuss putting material on the city's web site. The information on urban run-off is complete and just needs to be reviewed before it is ready to be put on the web site. The committee is proceeding ahead trying to make this happen.
- d. Environmental Awards – (Smith, Justice, Guido). Craig Justice wrote a letter to City Attorney Jennifer McGrath to seek written confirmation that the EB has approval to seek sponsorship for the awards. We are still awaiting a response.

V. Information Items:

1. Water Quality Update - The Poseidon project had an informational breakfast. They presented an optimistic outlook on project development hoping that they will be able to start in the not too distant future.
2. Field Trips
 - a. The AES tour will be April 2, 2008 after 2 PM. The tour will last about 2 hours. More details will follow.
 - b. The Orange County Water District Water Recycling Facility is a potential field trip for later in the year.
 - c. LEED Building – Dave Guido will do some research to find a high level LEED certified building for a tour.
 - d. Gray Water – Mike Marshall will research a potential tour of Pepperdine's gray water facilities in Malibu.
3. AES Update –None.
4. Planning Commission Agenda Overview –
 - a. The HB Wetlands Restoration CUP will be discussed in February.
5. City Council Upcoming Study Sessions
 - a. The DTSC – Ascon update has been postponed.
 - b. On the regular council agenda, there is a resolution to accept grant money from OC Integrated Management Dept. for waste reduction and recycling programs.

VI. Administrative Items:

1. The next meeting will be on March 6, 2008 at 6:30 PM, City Hall Council Chambers.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.