



# CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

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## ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

### Meeting Minutes and Action Items: September 1, 2011

Chairman: Gordon  
Others Present: Glover, Marquez, Nicolson, Smith  
Absent: Marshall, Schaaf  
City Staff: Aaron Klemm,  
Commission: None  
Council Members: Joe Shaw  
Public: None

#### I. Call to Order/Roll Call

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

#### II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved for the August, 2011 meeting, as moved by Smith, seconded by Gordon.

#### III. Public Comments

Councilmember Shaw addressed the board regarding the plastic bag ban. Disposable plastic bags are the second most common item found in debris on the beach. Mr. Shaw also presented the Long Beach ordinance that went into effect August 1, 2011, and the second phase to go into effect January 2012. An obstacle to the bag ban is the fact that an EIR would be necessary at a cost around \$30,000. He encouraged proponents of the bag ban to attend the next council meeting.

Councilmember Shaw then notified the board of the upcoming study session regarding the Intergovernmental Relations suggestion to modify the way board members are appointed.

Chairman of the "Rise Above Plastics" for Surfrider said other cities are also on the verge of the bag ban - Dana Point, Newport Beach, Costa Mesa, and Fullerton - for more of a regional effort.

#### IV. Informational Items:

Jim Brown has resigned from the board.

#### V. Action Items:

- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Updates and Announcements-

The IRC has recommended to the City Council that the terms of Environmental Board appointees be changed to either: Reduce the 4 year term to 2 years, with no term limits OR Direct Appointments similar to the planning commission with direct appointments, with two at large.

It will go before the City Council at a study session September 6 at 4 P.M., and put to a vote on September 19.

- EIR

Environmental Assessment No. 05-003  
(Sue Gordon recused herself from this review.)

- FIELD TRIPS

Wildlife Care Center – Postponed  
OC Sanitation District – September 27, 2 p.m.  
Eco Cover Factory  
Solar Walk

- GREEN & SOLAR ENERGY COMMITTEE (Smith, Gordon, Marshall)

AES Plant Retirement- Smith spoke to the two large energy (and pollution) producing units are being shutdown, reducing the pollution output by 90%. Smith also supplied an article regarding EV, and what to think about when purchasing one. He also mentioned the city's upcoming decision to purchase 5 charging stations across Huntington Beach.

Solar Update - Parking lot at City Hall is still under construction and almost complete.

- COMMUNICATIONS (Glover/Marquez/Smith)

Aaron Klemm accepted the Emerald Award Filipino Chamber of Commerce.

SCE Energy Walk will be postponed further, maybe first quarter of 2012.

- ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS (Marshall/Marquez/Schaaf/Nicolson)

Committee has not yet met, but will hold a meeting to develop award criteria prior to the Green Expo on September 17.

SCE Demand Response, Rainbow, and Orange County Association of Realtors (OCAR).

The board will have applications for the three awards at the Green Expo Booth.

## **VI. Administrative Items**

Correspondence/News Articles/Announcements:

Marquez presented an article about solar jobs.

Klemm was interviewed by the OC Metro for his work on the solar projects.

Gordon spoke about a new Eco Challenge exhibit at the Discovery Science Center that teaches kids about waste.

Requests to Place Items on the Next Agenda:

The board will take a position on the plastic bag ban and write a letter to be sent to the City Council.

## **VII. Good and Welfare**

## **VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:05 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on October 6, 2011 in Room B-7.