

Huntington Beach

Southeast Area Committee

May 17, 2011

Attendance: Council Member Devin Dwyer; Council Member Joe Shaw

City Staff: Todd Broussard, Dave Dominguez, Kellee Fritzal, Bob Hall, Bill Janusz, Rosemary Medel, Doris Powell, Bill Reardon

Council Member Devin Dwyer called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

1. Public Comments

Members of the public asked that the City support SB 444, which would require a majority of mobile home park residents to agree to a subdivision of their park. Dwyer stated that this bill is on the agenda for the Intergovernmental Committee to discuss supporting the bill.

2. Select New Committee Chairman

This has been postponed to the next meeting, when all three members are in attendance.

3. Poseidon Project

Rosemary Medel reported that they are waiting for the appeal at the Coastal Commission.

4. Ascon Landfill Project

Mary Urashima reported that the Ascon Interim Removal Measure was complete in March 2011. Over, 97,000 tons of hazardous material (4,000 truck loads) was safely removed from Lagoons 1 and 2. They are preparing a Completion Report to send to the Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) in June. After approval by DTSC the Report will be made public via a facts sheet mailed to local residents and the full report will be on DTSC's web site. The Report will be used to draft the Environment Impact Report (EIR) for the Final Remedy (clean up) for the site. The Notice of Preparation of the EIR is expected by the end of this year. Scoping meetings will be held to gather public input for the EIR. (These meetings will be noticed to the community by mail and the Ascon and City web sites.) Discussion followed on the odor suppression methods used, sump pump installed in the bottom of the Lagoons in case of rain, tar plants on site, entrance driveways and condition of local streets.

5. AES

Eric Pendergraft -President, AES Southland, gave an update on the AES Huntington Beach plant (AES HB). He stated that Edison Mission, an unregulated arm of Edison, purchased units 3&4 and leased them back to AES who will continue to operate the units. These units will continue to operate until 10 months prior opening of Edison Mission's proposed Walnut Creek Energy Plant in the City of Industry. Estimated timeline is 4th quarter of 2012 (but not sooner than November 1st) at which time

units 3&4 will be shut down. AES intends to submit a dismantling plan to the California Energy Commission and build new units on the site. These units will be built on the same site as units 3&4, but with a smaller foot print and up to date technology that has a lower profile than the current units. Pendergraft stated that although these new units would not use a once through cooling system, the pipes would be left in place for use by the Poseidon Desalinization Plant. The new units could be either dry cooling (like a car radiator) or wet cooling with a retention basin.

Pendergraft also introduced Stephen O'Kane, Director of Permitting and Regulatory Affairs, AES Southland Repowering Project who will be working on the new permits for the AES HB and Weikko Wirta Plant Manager of AES HB

6. Park Projects

Dave Dominguez reported that the first phase of the Edison Park project is in full swing. Work includes leveling the grass areas, practice lighting and parking lot. Phase 1 is anticipated to be complete in June. Bower Park, a new 2 acre park at Newland and Hamilton, is in 18 month establishment phase to allow turf and landscaping to become established before the City takes ownership of the park and opens it to the public. Trees are being replaced at Le Bard Park and the sidewalk is being repaired. Public asked about the Community Garden. Dominguez stated that all plots were sold, however there have been some problems with Edison and adjacent homeowners. A community meeting will be held to address community concerns.

7. Major Development Projects

Kellee Fritzal gave a status report on Redevelopment. She stated that the Governor's budget proposal still calls for the elimination of Redevelopment and that there are several alternative proposals being discussed in Sacramento.

Fritzal said that the Mamas on 39 restaurant in the Beach and Atlanta shopping center is now open. A yoga studio planned for the second floor above Mamas, will open next month. The owners are moving forward with refurbishing the rest of the center now that some financial problems have been resolved. Bob Hall said that a market is to fill the vacant Rite Aid space.

8. Capital Improvement Projects

Bill Janusz, Principal Civil Engineer (Traffic Division), discussed the traffic signal synchronization projects on Brookhurst, Adams, Garfield, Newland, Magnolia and Beach Boulevard. Brookhurst, Magnolia, and Beach Boulevard projects are being coordinated by Orange County Transit Authority. Questions were asked about left turn lights (light is only triggered if a car is present), any new traffic signals in the area (none) and why there is no light at Bushard and Banning (Janusz described the process for adding new signals). Members requested that staff report back to the committee about where Bushard and Banning are on the priority list for new traffic signals.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 pm.

Adjournment to July 19, 2011