



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Meeting Minutes and Action Items: December 16, 2015

Chair: Soriano
Others Present: Budica, Killey, Sheldon, Miller, Nicolson
Absent: Coffman & Two Vacant Positions
City Staff: Graham
Commission: Kalmick
Council Members: None
Public: Kyle Scrimgeour
Speaker:

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

II. Review of August minutes

Motion to approve minutes by Budica, seconded by Nicolson

III. Public Comments

No speaker or public comments

IV. Action Items

A. EIRs

A-1. Admiralty Drive Bridge Rehabilitation over Queen Elizabeth Passage: Recommendation letter on behalf of the Environmental Board sent on 12/14/15. Sheldon attended hearing today and reported that since the letter was late, it will not be commented on. However it will be filed in the project file and taken under advisement.

V. Committee Updates

A. Executive Committee

A-1. Discussion of Goals: Goals are done and Budica sent to Graham for addition to the Annual report to be presented at January 19 City Council meeting.

B. Resource Management Committee

B-1. Battery Recycling at City Facilities: City does not have a recycling center for batteries and Budica suggested the city have collection centers. Graham researched and you can take batteries to HHW on Nichols, schools can get a Big Green Box which is free for schools but not for cities, and third is to have battery buckets at city hall. Kalmick shared that other businesses that take batteries are Best Buy, Home Depot and OC Fire Stations.

C. Ocean Debris & Water Quality Committee

C-1. Beach Clean-up: Surfrider volunteers collected 307 pounds of trash and debris on 12/12. Board would like to know other organizations that do clean-ups. Budica will contact Coast Keepers and Soriano will contact Scott Smith at Beach Ops to find out who has permits.

C-2. Adopt a Channel: Coffman not present so no update.

C-3. Ocean Debris: Graham reported that Beach Ops has procured trash can lids which are currently in production and scheduled to be installed January 2016.

D. Natural Environment

D-1. Orange County River Park: Mixer at HB Wetlands Conservancy on 12/9/15 to show off the new education center improvements along with a tour of the restored wetlands.

D-2. Bartlett Park: Received \$500K grant to restore park which will begin construction soon.

D-3: Nicolson added to natural environment committee.

E. Energy Issues

E-1: Streetlight Update: Graham reported that city in final negotiations with Edison which should be finalized in January after City Attorney signs agreement. Graham also working on RFP to find a contractor for the cutover process, construction and maintenance of lights.

VI. Administrative Items

A. Environmental Board Procedural Matters-Annual Report Draft and goals-Final Draft: Motion to approve made by Budica with discussed edits (removal of tours and add to city letterhead), Killey seconded. Sheldon will make edits and send to Graham for new goals to be added.

VII. Environmental Board Requests

A. Tour Requests

- a. Alegria Farm (Great Park)
- b. Microgrid (UCI)
- c. OC Sanitation district
- d. Rainbow Environmental Tour
- e. Diamond Valley Lake (WMD)
- f. Posideon (Carlsbad)
- g. Organics Food Processing Tour (WM Orange or Albertson's in Vernon)

B. Speaker Requests:

- a. Jan: TBD
- b. Feb: Jordan Sanchez
- c. Mar: Anaerobic Digesters

C. Agenda Requests:

- a. **EIR:** Rogers Center NOP open for public comment until 12/18/15. Soriano and Sheldon are reviewing.

VIII. Environmental Board Comments

A. GWRS plant tour on 12/11/2015 was attended by Killey, Kalmick, Budica, Sheldon, and Kristen, City intern.

B. Budica reported that skunk activity increased in Central Park after trees cut. Would like to EB to monitor environmental impacts made from tree maintenance.

C. Sheldon requested a battery acid follow up in Huntington Harbor. Graham reported that city doesn't have record of a complaint. Soriano will pass info to Sheldon to research.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.