



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Meeting Minutes and Action Items: December 4, 2014

Chair:	Nicholson
Others Present:	Coffman, Gordon, Sheldon, Schaaf, Bechtold
Absent:	Soriano
City Staff:	Hayden Beckman
Commission:	Dan Kalmick
Council Members:	None
Public:	Debbie Killey

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

No minutes for November were prepared for review, as there was no quorum for the November date.

III. Public Comments

Guest Speaker – Stephen O’Kane, Sustainability & Regulatory Compliance Manager, AES provided industry data and discussion information regarding changes in the energy industry on both the generating and source sides. Mr. O’Kane provided technical data on the current operations of the AES plan in Huntington Beach, and explained the upcoming facility remodel project.

Debbie Killey discussed updates on: “Fix it Clinic” bringing old electronic, toys etc. set for June 6th at HB Utility yard Huntington & Garfield. She will email more details once she gets on the Fix it Clinic” website.

IV. Action Items:

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- **SCE Substation** – Board member (Coffman) already spoke to Jennel advised the project will be within budget. Coffman remarked; the grass is back and Joe Berg saw it. (Sheldon) remarked, that “it should be alive before you can kill it” \$2 a square foot for removing it.
- **Grassy Knoll** – (Coffman) put a call into Chuck no response yet. (Sheldon) directed a question to Coffman regarding grassy knoll’s water runoff issue and its substantial slope to what solution would be implemented with the native planting and terracing (Coffman) replied that it was all planned with Mini-Bios wales to capture the water, direct drainage course, drip irrigation, terracing of plants all done by Greg Goran, Landscape Architect. Who has done a lot of OFG projects. No updates
- ASCON site visit – no firm updates wait until the end of February or March

- B. EIR – (Hayden) remarks that we might be looking at an addendum to the Re-useable bag EIR which councilman Posey will be putting on the agenda for the City Council meeting on Tuesday, February 3rd. The ordinance would lock in HB to the repeal no matter whether the State goes to vote in November 2016. Two courses of action: Supplemental EIR or Addendum to the Re-useable bag EIR would be the less costly some amount of review is required. Cost between \$5,000 to \$12,000 said by consultant. Need to put back on our agenda (B) “Bag Ban” (Hayden) this will be placed on the next agenda. (Hayden) said this is an exploratory action by council to get more information for staff to look at. Come up with true breakdown of cost. (Bechtold) remarks that when speaking at the City Council meeting you must disclose yourself as a member of the Environmental Board but you can identify yourself as a “citizen” when speaking at the board meeting.
- C. Resource Management committee (Gordon/Coffman/Bechtold/Soriano)
- o Ocean Friendly restaurants – Board member (Bechtold) has been MIA; nothing has been updated. Just concentrating on signing up restaurants that are practicing environmental consciousness. Don't have distributor yet. Moving toward actively pursuing restaurants with 8 members on OFR committee. (Bechtold) spoke to Public Works and continuing dialog.
- D. General Plan committee – (Coffman, Bechtold, Schaaf alternate)
- o Circulation – Complete streets (Coffman, Sheldon) – next meeting, Summer 2015
 - o Sea level Rise – (Schaaf) – a meeting at Roger's Senior Center 6:30 pm
 - o Biological resources (Added) – (Hayden) to agendize with the board. Debbie would like to go as “public” Assignment to be deferred
 - o Sustainability Action Plan (Sheldon, Gordon, Soriano) – No update
 - o Open Space (Schaaf) – No update
 - o Coastal (Davis, Coffman, Schaaf) – No update
 - o Public Health & Hazards (Nicolson) – No update
- E. Ocean Debris committee (Nicolson/Coffman/Soriano)
- o Water Quality Topics – (Coffman) request what is the City's new engineer who replaced (Terry Elliot) is doing for any project in the City be disclosed. Have someone come in as guest speaker
 - o Beach cleanup pounds of trash removed – (Soriano) pasted out information page and described the first beach clean-up with 88 volunteers picking up 125.24 lbs. of trash. (Bechtold) pointed out that at last year's December clean-up we had 13 lbs. of Styrofoam. (Killey) asked if we have statistic on plastic bags measurements (Soriano) replied no on just bags alone. City of HB has too few trash cans, all with no lids. (Sheldon) recommends that we add new designed trashcans as a start. (Hayden) to agendize to the board recommending newly designed trashcans. (Bechtold) pointed out that not enough trashcans at metered parking areas along PCH. (Soriano) mentioned picking up 80 lbs. of cigarette butts in the City from 117 Butts Out canisters. Have different label cans at the Strand. New Harbor Clean program will add canisters to wharf areas.
- F. Environmental Awards (Gordon/Nicolson) – (Gordon) Submitted lots of applications; Awards event still scheduled and will take place on March 13th. The Awards will be by Environmental Board sponsored by Rainbow Environmental. Applications can be forwarded to Debbie Killey.

V. Administrative Items:

- A. Correspondence/News Articles/Announcements

Board member (Coffman) brought up the parking passes for the board members and the process for getting passes. (Hayden) to set-up process and email board members on how and when to pick up at Planning desk 3rd floor.

- B. (Hayden) to add Biological Resources under General Plan Committee appointing Killey to represent
- C. (Hayden) Under Coastal add "waste containers"
- D. (Hayden) Under B re-add EIR Bag Ordinance

VI. Good and Welfare: – (Bechtold) getting married, new last name is "Budica"; (Kalmick) is now chairman of the Planning Commission; finalized removal of grass from his yard. (Sheldon) belongs to too many professional organizations, just joined Association of Engineers; (Gordon) found out from the City of Seal Beach who was responsible for the plot of land where the teenagers were biking and tearing up the landscape; now teens are shut out; all others – no report

VII. Preview of upcoming meetings:

The Board will host a guest speaker: Bill Conley, CFM, CFMJ, SFP, FMP, LEED AP, IFMA Fellow, Executive Director of the Orange County Sustainable Collaborative and Director of Facilities with Yamaha Motor Corporation.

VIII. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 7:01pm. The next meeting is February 5th, 2015 at 5:30pm.