



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Meeting Minutes and Action Items: June 17, 2015

Chair:	Nicholson (late)
Others Present:	Coffman (late), Budica, Sheldon, Schaaf, Soriano, Gordon, Killey, Bornstein
Absent:	None
City Staff:	Antonia Graham, Teri Baker (Assistant to the City Manager)
Commission:	Dan Kalmick (late)
Council Members:	None
Public:	None
Speaker:	Toby Gant, Director of Environmental Education – Discovery Cube

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. (by: Robert Schaaf)

II Review of May minutes – (Graham) minutes have not been review/approved; ten pages will be moved to July meeting

III Public Comments

(Schaaf) no public comments

Speaker/Presentation

(Schaaf) Introduction of Toby Gant guest speaker; Environmental Education-Discovery Cube; Subject: "Conscious Consumerism" (Toby) question - how many read labels and know what is in the product that you buy? Eco-Challenge is a program of separating waste done at the Discovery Cube teaching people how to read labels and know what happens to products when we are done with them. Is it recyclable? What happens to it? Toby has done programs for Rainbow as well as the County to bring awareness to recyclables and what happens to the things that we use after we are done with them. Slide presentation and history of conscious consumerism. USA is the number one country that spends more per capita per household than any other country for durable goods, household items. We are number one as far as consumption "what we spend" The conscious consumer would look at products as where they are made, what is the carbon footprint of the item; how did it get here-shipping; the content of the item ex. cotton of the coat shown, who made it? How is it dyed, is the person paid a living wage? What are the environmental consequences of the product made? That is Conscious Consumerism. Apps Toby suggest to use while shopping "the Good Guide" to scan barcode to rate the product and company. "The Clean15 - Dirty Dozen" app – applies to pesticides residue and measurements of products both will help to make more informative decisions on purchases. Question (Sheldon) what kind of presentation do you do at the Discovery Cube? (Toby) more on water conservation and on recycling mostly for 5th and 6th grade students throughout the county.

IV Action Items

A. Executive Committee:

(Nicholson) regarding SCE Substation has it started construction yet? (Sheldon) are they going to make their June 30th deadline? (Sheldon) did see Janel and it appears their working with the county that they are going to make it and keep their credits on the project. (Kalmick) stated that with the new influx of cash, they could take as long as they want. (Graham) June 30th is not a hard and fast date, MODOC is working with them.

B. EIR

(Nicholson) we had two projects that have come up since the last meeting and I don't think I have comments on either of them. (Sheldon) one of them is not done yet. We put a request out to get input. The first one is in the middle of its comment period, its somewhere at the end of the month. (Kalmick) it began in March 19th 2007 City Council meeting your letter is in there, you might just want to paraphrase - the project has changed slightly, but many of the issues may still be there. Land use, drainage and traffic are probably what you need to focus on that. (Gordon) what is it? (Kalmick) its right on PCH where the Best Western is in Sunset Beach currently deemed as open space that they want to make it a marina and caretaker facility. (Sheldon) this one is still in the public comment period where we should update any comment. Three of us should look at it and update the comment. (Budica) how do we get the report? (Kalmick) bring up the staff report for 2007 it has the whole package. (Sheldon) so who's interested in this? (Sheldon) the other one has already technically gone through the comment period but not to the public comment yet. Does anyone feel motivated to do this? This is on tree trimming where there is several bird species. (Kalmick) this is the one with the tennis court where the birds are nesting in the trees so this is the tree trimming program in question with CEQA a mitigation measure. (Sheldon) so we need three members on each of these. (Nicholson) so doe's anyone what to do any of these? Soriano, Sheldon and Coffman to do the marina one. Budica, Killey and Bornstein to be on the tree trimming project. (Nicholson) so put together a letter and send it to me.

C. Resource Management (Nicholson) are there any update on the following?

- **Ocean Friendly Restaurants** (Budica) no, it's still going; the city's involvement is pretty much killed, we don't have the staff at Huntington, the budget. (Nicholson) Ken Domer seems to be into it; did we check in with him? (Graham) his position is it's not a City function and it's something the Chamber needs to take up and maybe the Chamber can move on a co-op for the restaurants. (Budica) we are looking for someone to do the storm-water inspections. Trash Amendment would save the City money if they were to add-on the basic 4-additional questions. That's why the Bay Foundation was created in Santa Monica. (Graham) there was two tracks on the Trash Amendment that were added by the State Water Board; one is a full capture system which would be inlet covers the Structural best practices; the other track two is a combination of the City could have ordinances, devices... we are in the process of evaluating both. A full capturing system would cost the City millions of dollars. We don't know which track we are going to take but the Trash Amendment will be implemented in that permit Storm Water program. (Budica) stated that the Bay Foundation was formulated because the cites were paying too much in fines. If the 4-questions asked by city inspectors are a "No" then the inspectors could past those to the non-profit organization to give the restaurants an opportunity for free help. (Graham) yes, it could work and we could adopt it; the permit won't be adopted until sometime in October. (In reference to the MS-4 permit for the Santa Ana Watershed region)
- **Fireworks Debris** (Gordon) people are suppose to drench their fireworks and Rainbow has already put out two locked bins for the fire department to capture illegal fireworks and containing them in those bins.(Sheldon) are you guys going to do any metrics on exploded or unexploded fireworks you take in? (Gordon) No, it would be very difficult to do that it's not worth the time or

money to do. (Gordon) we don't sort through the black carts for recyclables, we do with the blue. (Kalmick) we need to get that out for public awareness and get that out on our next newsletter. (Great idea by all). (Budica) with regards to the upcoming Green Expo; Rainbow should have a sign with really explicit "what gets recycled" – check with your Hauler and see. (Gordon) it depends on the Hauler on what is and can be recycled. (Budica) what do you need to do? Rinse out the bottle or soup can? (Gordon) take out chunks and if you're really concerned about it; rinse the items out in your dishwasher or use paper towels to wipe out debris or they will go to the land fill. (Budica) it would be really cool because people don't really understand what's being recycled. (Gordon) agreed flyers to be made to handout at the Expo. (Sheldon) one last thing regarding the fireworks; did a public notice go out on the proper disposal of the fireworks? (Gordon) yes, some material has gone out. (Nicholson) regarding plastic bags; is there anything else to say about plastic bags? (Budica) no, just want to get lids for the current trashcans. (Graham) we will get someone from Beach Operations to speak.

D. General Plan committee (Graham)

(Coffman) stated that the GP committee didn't look at many pages and went on and on they said this was going to be the last meeting; we said NO we gave you some much input on the plans that were submitted and get back with us so we could go through it one more time. (Budica) the one interesting thing that happen is that one of the land use issues that we talk about brought out the marina plan as already having a permit for it. (Kalmick) said they filed an informal plan zoning review on what should we do and filed a small fee and have staff look at it. It's not a permit or a project. (Kalmick) there not a nine story building going through with it. (Coffman) there will be another General Meeting planned according to Jennifer. (Kalmick) stated that he doesn't know what meeting he's going through; it seems that some folks just got the information and now reviewing it? (Sheldon) during the public comments he made a comment about the circulation and the committees never met and all of a sudden there was all this consciousness about traffic because of the density, high density going through all of the city they change the plank, that one reason they have changed the meeting. They did say they were going to do a circulation meeting. There a number of issues coming up. (Graham) the county is meeting today on complete streets policy for the whole entire county; they will basically have a menu of options that a city can incorporate into the circulation element... It is open for public comment right now if you wanted to go to the OCcouncilgovernmentgohogs website. She will send out the website.

- E. Ocean Debris and Water Quality (Budica)** I don't remember this one? (Sheldon) is a consolidation of a few other committees into this one a couple of meetings ago. (Nicholson) anything to say Jeff? (Coffman) we have the beach clean ups every other Saturday; we got a really cool beach cleanup happening this weekend North of the HB Pier called International Surfing Day. A Chili Cook-off; Tony's probably better talking about it than I. (Soriano) yes, we are having a beach cleanup with 35 vendors set up in a village arrangement at the key which is on the North side of the pier, we did it last year. (Sheldon) you guys have been quantifying the stuff you pick up? (Soriano) absolutely, (Budica) we had 7.8 lbs. of Styrofoam at our last beach cleanup. (Soriano) 15 single use bags were picked up. Stuff we found will not be recycled, its dirty, food tainted (Budica) the only thing that gets recycled is the clean stuff, Styrofoam packaging material that kind of stuff, not the Styrofoam container used for Italian food, pizza, Indian food, most take home is not recyclable. (Sheldon) so do you pick out clean Styrofoam from dirty Styrofoam? (Gordon) we pick out what we can pick out, usually the larger pieces. (Killey) I know that we skipped a lot of D. can

we go over Biological Resources; this is where I was appointed can I go on that one? (Budica) nominates Debi (Budica) makes a motion (Schaaf) seconds (Sheldon) as these wrap up is there anyone else? (Bornstein) I would like to go on the Sustainability Action Plan (Graham) this committee has been cut down to the barebones; their supposed to have a draft by the end of the summer. As soon as she gets it she will have this up for review. (Kalmick) Toni what is this "cut-it-down mean? (Graham) didn't know, she's ask the planning department multiple times to let her have some input and to let her see it and has not seen anything. So is there a motion to appoint Eric to sit on the Sustainability Action Plan committee? (Coffman) makes the motion with Gordon seconding. (Coffman) making a tiny comment of the bags now; have you notice the amount of bag now? I've seen plenty in the water now while surfing. There all over Coast Hwy on chain-link fences, also in parking lots of the supermarkets. There all over the place! (Budica) comments that there is more of a noticeable difference with bags all over the place. (Soriano) noted that fly-over drone pictures of the San Gabriel river has seen massive amounts of plastic bags on trees in the river bed and drainage channels. (Budica) observed that trashcan's in HB needs lids not only on the beaches but also on Main Street and PCH on the so-called sponsor label trashcans. (Graham) we will have someone from beach operations as a guest speaker at our next meeting that can talk about this. (Graham) will have Debra Dimbrinski look into it she's been looking into the "Big-Belly" trash receptacles. (Baker) announced Southeast meeting on the Poseidon at council chambers room this coming Monday, 22nd at 4:30 pm. No City Council meeting Monday (Sheldon) just a side comment on the "Runoff" – news today by Heal-the-Bay reported that the beaches at Brookhurst is one of the worst beach in Southern California along with others.(Graham) the quotes were from the OC Storm water group; it the nature of the outfall in those areas.

F. Environmental Awards (Nicholson) environmental awards there's probably nothing (Gordon) it was already awarded on April 18 to Moffet, Village View and Mesa View. (Sheldon) when does the next cycle startup? (Gordon) The next cycle begins at the beginning of the year January.

Green Expo (Graham) the flyer has come out from the Chamber (material on "do you want to be a sponsor" the conference table, distributed) our Energy group will have a table. (Schaaf) as the Environmental Committee are we going to have a booth this time? (Sheldon) last year we partnered with the Water Department and jointly handed out stuff and talked about the turf removal program. (Graham) yes, our Green Team will have a booth. (Sheldon) brought up that we need to update our brochure Graham will have it done she will work with Hayden to edit the brochure.

V Administrative Items (Nicholson) brought it up (Graham) to give the floor to Robert for a few seconds/minutes, to talk about Community Choice Aggregate workshop in LA downtown meeting. (Schaaf) Talked about the 3-elements of electrical power; power has to be produced by somebody, then it has to be transmitted by somebody then it's distributed by somebody. What the State of California has allowed our communities to do is to actually purchase power for the community or governmental entity by themselves. Then it will still be transmitted through Edison lines, PGE lines then the communities will be buying the power like the City of Huntington Beach for the residents of HB. Save the community a lot of my by bypassing Edison, PGE infrastructure, In addition, another benefit of it is the Climate Action Plan that the

City and Counties have to adhere to you can get part of your power from solar, wind, hydro-electric power and can put something like this together. You buy the power, it doesn't have to be bought locally, can be bought anywhere like the State of Washington; they have a lot of Hydro-electric power up there. Then it gets transmitted section through Edison, PG&E will still control then there will be sent to the homes through the normal lines and you'll get your normal bills but except you will be buying this through the Community Choice Aggregate as opposed to buying it from Edison in our case. (Sheldon) it adds four lines to your power bill but will look like your bill as it does right now. (Coffman) will the power bill be the same? (Graham) you'll be paying 20% less (Budica) why doesn't more city get involved? (Graham) with a lot of other counties, well Eric can speak more about this since he belongs to the Energy Coalition, so (Schaaf) it's very new, Marin County, Sonoma County and the City of Lancaster are the only 3- entities getting involved right now. (Graham) the County of Orange is studying this program; I'm glad that both Mark and Robert could attend. (Kalmick) how does this differ from cities like Anaheim? (Schaaf) Anaheim is a publicly owned utility; City of Anaheim can't do it because they would be competing with themselves and the City of Los Angeles has the Department of Water & Power who would likewise won't do that. (Kalmick) can I broch that with another question in the same breath the article in the LA Times talked about the industrial utilities and public utilities how does that crest into the CCA's? (Graham) well the investors in the public utilities are in it to make money regardless of what Edison says they do make a profit. They have to, why be in business then. The publicly owned don't. (Schaaf) the Department of Water and Power make a lot of money for the City of Los Angeles and the Power company in Anaheim (where I use to live) make a lot of money for the City. (Budica) how can the Environmental board get behind this to help the City move toward this? (Graham) right now, this is something that the county would take the lead on; let see what happens with the South Bay Cities. This is a topic that I'd like to make you aware. (Sheldon) can I add some things to this; in Marin its group of cities that are banding together rather than individual cities like Lancaster. You could do it either way, but there is interest at a bunch of geographical areas. First of all, County of Los Angeles is very interest in this, the guy that introduced this is Aaron Clem's new boss (Howard Chow) and the County Board of Supervisors are very interest in this they are trying to promote it in LA County. (Graham) let keep this on our radar. (Coffman) maybe we can keep this as E or F? We can start by making it a topic that we discuss and energy in general on our radar. (Sheldon) he met a guy in LA that said they have a lot of brown fields and sticking solar fields on them. Uh, ACON making the whole place like a parking lot and stick solar farm on it. (Graham) now we have the green workshops coming on water; next one is on July 27th in the Library in the Talbert room starting at 4 PM. (Graham) the next think we are going to move forward in investigate a Green Business Certification program the Edison and Gas Company decided to give us some money too and hopefully maybe Rainbow could too. (Gordon) that would be a tough decision. (Graham) next is the bi-laws which will come at the next meeting because we had to clean up the roster. The City Clerk pointed out that some people that were appointed were never approved. So at the Monday council meeting we were able to appoint Eric and Debi and reappoint Jessica (Jessica) is that what that was about? I thought I was appointed (Graham) you were appointed to fill another them that shortened out. (Sheldon) You were finishing out Bob Smiths term, so now you'll be in a four year term. So this will be your second term. (Graham) so the next thing, I do have to advertise Robert and Sue's position because they were never appointed. I have both of your letters; your terms were never advertised. So to be in compliance with the Mattie Act we have to advertise Robert and Sue's existing terms. Now, this is all coming from the City Clerk and your all welcome to go to the City Clerk for the Brown Act training and you can ask them about the Mattie Act that oversees boards and commissions. You will see posted on the website today and out in the case Robert and Sue's positions. Now, the board/council took a philosophical position even though you can

take as many terms you'd like that they will know that you can't go a third term. So you can submit your letters and Mayor Hardy and Councilmember Delgleize will appoint two more positions. Unfortunately, Kim is in her third term and so the 30th will be her last day as serving on this board. (Sheldon) there is one provision; your term was for one year; that list is inaccurate you (Kim) were appointed 2010 not 2007 (Graham) well the City Clerk did their research. (Sheldon) no, she was voted in. (Graham & Baker) well we will double check. (Budica) so we are losing 3-members essentially? (Graham) Yes (Schaaf) that's what it looks like. (Graham) Sue and Robert could be re-appointed; they have already submitted their letters of re-appointment. This will be Sue in her second term and Robert is in his third, so this is a philosophical position that the council is taking and I have to be in compliance with the Mattie Act. These were things that were never done in previous with staff liaison. Now we are trying to follow the rules here. (Sheldon) now the other thing that I believe, correct me if I'm wrong isn't it the provision allow if it's a matter of replacing someone who has reach the end of their term? Don't they stay on the Environmental Board until a replacement is found? (Graham & Baker) we will clear this up with the City Clerk. (Graham) we get it, we understand, this is coming from the City Clerks and councils decision. So, you know we have to follow the Mattie Act and what they say. (Sheldon) that's cool but are these people off the Board as of June 30th? (Graham) Yes (Sheldon) or do they continue until their replacements are found? (Schaaf) on the 30th just to be clear is that Sue, me and Kim? (Graham) yah (Budica) so when do we have full quorum? (Graham) Sue and Robert can re-apply, but Kim cannot. (Sheldon) Kim could re-apply? (Graham) No (Budica) I'm taking the floor there's too much yelling, so by our next meeting is on the 2nd of July there will be 6 members so we do have quorum then. (Graham) yes (Graham) Kim was on the agenda for the Monday council meeting but they all said no when they saw that it was her third term. So that the decision that council came to. We have no say in it, we recommended her re-appointment. (Budica) how are they defining a term? (Baker) we will clarify with the Clerk's office then we will talk with the Council liaison's which is Jill and Barbara. (Budica) Ok, so then with that notion you were saying you wanted to check on our next meeting on July 2nd? (Schaaf) is tight scheduling. (Graham) no re-appointment by then. (Sheldon) who will be available for a meeting on July 2nd? Hand count; 6 (Graham) is the council meeting the Mattie Act, we recommended Kim for re-appointment. (Budica) I have a personal request; we should bump the meetings to 6 O'clock (Graham) brought a calendar and every date has some committee meeting going on; (All agreed) 3rd Wednesday at 6 PM (Graham) agenda will need to be posted by June 30th and items to send to Teri. (Graham) by next meeting we will have a vote on the Chair, Vice-Chair and the Secretary and on speaker request we will have someone from Beach Operations. (Coffman) said the he met with the Architect and they will be done by the 30th. (Graham) so, then Janel will be our next speaker. (Changed again) to someone from Beach Operations.

(Nicholson) **Good and Welfare** (Killey) the Fix-it-Clinic was a big success, I'll leave the discussion until July 2nd (Sheldon) I'm going to a Clean Transportation meeting tomorrow in Irvine; the Sustainable Surf City meets 2nd Tuesdays and CHERP the home retrofit thing will discuss tomorrow. (Graham) both Tony and Jessica filled previous appointed terms and they are in committee actions. (Graham) on the terms, brought out again by Sheldon, we will get together with the City Clerk to get clarification on all of the positions and terms.

End of meeting 7:19 pm