



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Meeting Minutes and Action Items: October 2, 2014

Chair:	Nicholson
Others Present:	Coffman, Gordon, Sheldon, Schaaf, Soriano
Absent:	Bechtold
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 5:45 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed and approved minutes with minor corrections from the September 4th meeting by a vote of 5-0.

III. Public Comments

Tom Wong, representing Lighting Concepts, introduced himself to the Board and identified he is seeking information regarding the City's LED lighting fixtures retrofit efforts. Commissioner Kalmick advised the City's Public Works Department approved the lighting scheme and staff can send him a link to the City's website where Requests for Proposals are listed regarding future lighting projects. Board member Shaaf requested that Mr. Wong entertain the idea of being a guest speaker at a future Board meeting.

Debbie Killey advised the Board of two projects. The HB Tree Society is renovating and xeriscaping a 1.2 acre 1970s garden area behind the Central Library to remove invasive species and improve attractions at the Library. Board member Coffman advised Surf rider Foundation could provide info or volunteers to assist under the "Ocean Friendly Garden" program and possibly include some HB High or Pegasus school students. Board member Gordon advised Rainbow could donate soil products. Secondly, there is a plan to remove portions of the park entry near the Talbert entrance on Edwards to get to Cathy May's.

IV. Action Items:

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- SCE Landscape – Board member Coffman advised the project has a \$500k budget which has gone over by \$12k. The Board discussed potential future speaker Joe Berg.

B. EIR – none

- C. Resource Management committee (Gordon/Coffman/Bechtold/Soriano)
 - o Re-usable bags – The Board discussed the Governor's recent signing of SB 270 into law.
 - o Styrofoam work with Sustainable Surf City (SSC) – On hold to after the November elections
 - o Ocean Friendly restaurants – Board member Coffman advised that they have added around 10 new restaurants interested in the program. The project is gaining momentum.
- D. General Plan committee – (Coffman, Bechtold, Schaaf alternate)
 - o Open Space (Schaaf) – No update
 - o Coastal (Davis, Coffman, Schaaf) – No update
 - o Sustainability Action Plan (Sheldon, Gordon, Soriano) – No update
 - o Sea level Rise – (Schaaf) – There will be a meeting in July or August
 - o Public Health & Hazards (Nicolson) – No update
 - o Circulation – Complete streets (Coffman, Sheldon) – No update
- E. Ocean Debris committee (Nicolson/Coffman/Soriano)
 - o Water Quality Topics – No update
 - o Beach cleanup pounds of trash removed – Soriano provided statistics on beach cleanup efforts from the previous month's cleanup events. Next Beach cleanup event is October 6th prior to surfing contest.
- F. Environmental Awards (Gordon/Nicolson) – Awards event still scheduled to take place. Applications can be forwarded to Debbie Killey.

V. Administrative Items:

- A. Correspondence/News Articles/Announcements
 - a. Board member Gordon advised the Board that Rainbow Environmental Services was purchased by Republic Services, a national waste management company with Bill Gates as majority shareholder. Republic's culture is in line with Rainbow's and services to the community will continue without interruption or modification.
- B. Requests to Place Items on the Next 3 Agendas

- VI. Good and Welfare:** Board member Gordon advised that Rainbow recorded a 71% food waste diversion rate for a recent BB Jazz event. Further, state law signed on September 30th will require businesses to have a green waste bin for food and other organic waste collection. Additional space needed on site for these bins may impact parking, landscaping or setbacks for existing businesses.

The Board discussed a future ASCON site visit and requested staff agendaize for discussion during November's Board meeting.

The Board discussed potential improvements to next year's Green Expo event including holding a forum the Friday before the weekend event(s) and utilizing a different venue.

- VII. Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm. The next meeting is December 4th, 2014 at 5:30pm.

VIII. Preview of upcoming meetings:

The Board will host a guest speaker: Stephen O'Kane, Sustainability and Regulatory Compliance Manager with AES.