



# CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

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## ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

### Meeting Minutes and Action Items: September 16, 2015

Chair:	Soriano
Others Present:	Budica, Killey, Sheldon, Gordon, Coffman, Miller, Bornstein, Nicolson
Absent:	None
City Staff:	Graham
Commission:	None
Council Members:	None
Public:	None
Speaker:	Graham

#### I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

#### II. Review of August minutes

Motion to approve minutes by Nicolson, seconded by Coffman

#### III. Public Comments

Speaker: Huntington Beach City Sustainability Programs Overview by Antonia Graham

Toni gave an overview of four projects going on in the city: Streetlight Retrofit, Recycling Market Development Zone, Sustainable Business Workshops and Sustainable Business Certifications.

#### IV. Action Items

##### A. Executive Committee

**A-1. SCE Substation:** Water friendly Landscaping will be referred to as Ocean Friendly Gardens going forward. Work has started on the project located off Brookhurst and Atlanta with ribbon cutting scheduled for October 15. An Edison representative will be invited to Environmental Board meeting in November to discuss completion.

##### B. EIR

**B-1.** None to review at this time. Killey tasked with being added to planning distribution list and checking website weekly to look for upcoming EIRs for the board to review.

##### C. Resource Management

**C-1. Ocean Friendly Restaurants:** CPK, Chipotle and Mother's currently in talks to be added to the list. As the city builds the Sustainable Business Certification program, Trevor from EcoNomics will reach out to Surfrider to discuss their program.

**C-2. Fireworks Debris:** Nothing to discuss, remove from agenda

**C-3. Plastic Bags:** Nothing to discuss, remove from agenda

##### D. Ocean Debris & Water Quality

**D-1. Beach Clean-up:** California Coastal Clean-up Day on September 19 with events all over California. HB Surfrider will have a clean-up at 6<sup>th</sup> and PCH which has attracted participants from other states. Surfrider also hosted a harbor clean-up on 9/12.

**D-2. Ocean Debris:** No update on Coastal Waste Containers at this time. The Adopt a Channel program is back up and running on the Santa Ana River and Surfrider has adopted a section. Add agenda item to November to discuss an update on Adopt a Beach programs.

**D-3. Water Quality:** Nothing to discuss on desalination, remove from agenda.

**D-4. Runoff:** The city is working on obtaining grants to mitigate storm water runoff. An agenda item will be added to discuss sustainability grants. The board discussed creating a campaign to educate the community on the consequences of trash in gutters that drain to the ocean. Hurley has a project called One that the board will look into as possible partnership.

**E. Open Space/Parks**

**E-1. Blufftop Path:** The city has applied for a grant to update the path with a new rail, benches, path etc. Toni to send map of project area to the board.

**E-2. Killey** would like to see Central Park and other parks added to the agenda for the board to discuss. Topics to cover would include littler, invasive species, lighting, irrigation, etc. A sub-committee comprised of Killey, Bornstein and Miller was created to determine what the environmental board goals are in relation to open space that don't overlap with goals from other boards/commissions and committees.

**F. Update on City Involvement and Environmental Board Support – Green Expo**

**F-1.** The Forum is on 9/24/15 and the Expo is on 9/26/15. The board members will take shifts at the city's booth to talk about the board's goals. Toni looking for last year's flyer to pass out.

**F-2.** Gordon designed and purchased name tags for board members to wear at events. The name tags will be available for pick-up on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor later in the week.

**V. Administrative Items**

**A. Environmental Board Procedural Matters**

**A-1. Annual Report and Goals for the Environmental Board:** The 2014-15 executive board (Nicolson, Sheldon, Soriano,) will write the 2014-15 annual report while the 2015-16 executive board (Soriano, Budica, Killey) will set goals for the current year. The goals will be reviewed and approved at the October 2015 meeting. Each executive board will meet before October.

**A-2. Bylaws:** Members discussed using bylaws or municipal code to govern the board.

Motion by Coffman, seconded by Sheldon to approve the use of Bylaws

VOTE: The motion did not carry

YES: 4

ABSTAIN: 0

NO: 5

ABSENT: 0

Motion by Bornstein, seconded by Gordon to approve the use of Municipal Code and rescind the previously adopted Bylaws.

VOTE: The motion carried

YES: 5

ABSTAIN: 0

NO: 4

ABSENT: 0

**B. Correspondence/News Articles/Announcements**

**C. Requests to Place item on the Next 3 Agendas**

**C-1.** Follow-up on illicit discharges under the ocean debris and water quality section

**C-2.** Updates on air quality and mass transit plans for the city.

**D. Speaker Requests/Presentation Discussion**

Members would like to see Hurley discuss One program, Speaker on Air Quality, and a Speaker from the Southern California Watershed Authority.

**VI. Good and Welfare**

**VII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.