



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

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MEETING MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS: September 21, 2016

Chair: Budica (Chair)
Others Present: Killey (Vice-Chair), Sheldon (Secretary), Nicolson, and Scrimgeour,
Absent: Claud-Clemente, Coffman, Soriano and Thompson
City Staff: Antonia Graham
Planning Commission: Dan Kalmick
Council Members:
Speaker: Mary Urashima (Historic Wintersburg)

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve last month's meeting minutes (prepared by Killey) made by Scrimgeour and seconded by Sheldon.

III. Public Comments (Open to the Public)

A. Speaker: Mary Urashima spoke on "Historic Preservation – A Green Approach." She discussed the environmental benefits of structure preservation, citing examples from historically significant sites throughout Huntington Beach.

IV. Action Items (60 minutes)

A. EIRs

<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/planning/environmental-reports/>

There were no EIRs active (or immediately scheduled) for comment at meeting time. It was noted that the Department of Toxic Substances had circulated a work notice for sampling activities at the ASCON site.

V. Committee Updates

A. Executive Committee

A-1. No action to report.

B. Resource Management Committee (Coffman/Budica/Soriano)

B-1. Environmental Board Anti-litter campaign – Art Contest (Budica/Nicolson)

No entries have been received so far, but promotion of the contest is in progress: it will be promoted on the City's Facebook page; it was announced at City Council two weeks ago. Flyers handed out for distribution to local High Schools and public posting. Killey plans to make a list of private schools in Huntington Beach for distribution.

B-2. Water Refill Stations – Water Wall

City's consideration of proposed water wall stations was discussed. Locations discussed are at Pier Plaza and along the beach path at 9th Street.

C. Ocean Debris & Water Quality Committee (Coffman/Soriano/Scrimgeour/Claud-Clemente)

C-1. Surfrider Beach Clean-up Update

Coastkeeper has agreed to send reports on their cleanup efforts in Huntington Beach. Surfrider reported over 300 participants in the beach cleanup events that they hosted including those for Coastal Cleanup Day.

D. Natural Environment (Killey/Thompson/Claud-Clemente/Nicolson)

D-1. Park Clean-up – Report on Coastal Clean-up Event at Central Park

The Central Park cleanup as part of Coastal Clean-up Day (September 17, 2016) was well attended. Six Environmental Board members participated at the Central Park site: Budica, Killey, Nicolson, Scrimgeour, Sheldon, and Thompson. The amount of trash removed exceeded expectations.

E. Energy Issues (Sheldon/Thompson)

E-1. Streetlight Acquisition and Retrofit

The CPUC Advice filing for the sale of streetlights by Edison to the City is under preparation. On September 17, City Council held a Study Session on options for Broadband deployment; incorporation into the streetlights was examined as an option.

E-2. EPIC Challenge Update and Status

A survey of energy usage and related issues in the Oak View study area will be conducted.

VI. Administrative Items (25 minutes)

A. Environmental Board Tour Schedule

The Goodwill OC Facility tour took place on September 16 with Killey, Sheldon, and Thompson in attendance. The tour included processing and sales operations, designed to maximize value and minimize waste. The most attractive items are sold in Goodwill retail stores, while an auction operation disbursed other items in larger lots. Goodwill OC has also developed an operation to salvage recyclable electronics.

The operators of the THUMS islands (located off the coast of Long Beach) for oil extraction have been contacted to identify dates for a possible future tour.

A tour of the South Coast Research and Extension Center is scheduled for November 5, 2016.

B. Sustainable Business Certification Program Update

Primal Elements is the first business to complete the certification process and other businesses are in the application process.

C. Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) Update

Two businesses are applying for loans under the RMDZ program.

D. Green Forum and Expo

The Green Forum is scheduled for October 6 at the Senior Center. The Green Expo is scheduled for October 8 from 10am to 2pm at City Hall.

Participation at the Green Expo last year at City Hall is believed to be lower than prior years. Budica, Killey, Nicolson, Sheldon agreed to help volunteer with the City booth at the Green Expo. Killey is also participating as the Event Coordinator, and Thompson may be at her employer's booth.

VII. Environmental Board Requests

A. Speaker/Field Trip/Agenda Requests

VIII. Environmental Board Comments

A. Staff Liaison Graham announced that she will be on travel on October 19 and so will not be available for a meeting. She is looking for other staff who could take her place at that meeting, otherwise it will have to be cancelled for that date.

B. Sheldon announced that the SC AQMD will hold "A Community Workshop on Air Pollution and Health," honoring Oscar Rodriguez of Oak View ComUNIDAD, at SeaCliff Country Club in Huntington Beach on September 24.

C. Budica noted that the California Coastal Commission September 7 agenda item for development of Banning Ranch was voted down.

IX. Adjournment at 7:30 p.m. until October 19, 2016 or later meeting date to be announced

X. Preview of Upcoming Meetings