

The minutes from April 1, 2014 LUEAC meeting to remain as draft due to no form of approval.

City of Newport Beach  
Land Use Element Amendment Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: April 1, 2014

Location: Newport Beach Central Library – 1000 Avocado Avenue  
Friends Room

Members: Edward Selich, Council Member (Chair)  
Nancy Gardner, Council Member  
Kory Kramer, Planning Commission  
Larry Tucker, Planning Commission  
Craig Batley, At-Large  
Michael Melby, At-Large  
Patricia Moore, At-Large  
Jim Walker, At-Large (absent)  
Paul Watkins, At-Large

Staff: Kim Brandt, Community Development Director  
Brenda Wisneski, Deputy Community Development Director  
Gregg Ramirez, Senior Planner  
Leonie Mulvihill, Assistant City Attorney  
Tony Brine, Traffic Engineer  
Woodie Tescher, PlaceWorks (consultant)  
JoAnn Hadfield, PlaceWorks (consultant)  
Marissa Aho, PlaceWorks (consultant)  
Marlie Whiteman, Urban Crossroads (consultant)

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**I. Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:34 p.m. by Chair Selich.

**II. Approval of the Minutes**

The committee unanimously approved the minutes from the February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting as augmented by the audio tapes and comments received.

**III. Current Business**

**1. Revised General Plan Glossary and Implementation Program**

Tescher walked through the seven new glossary terms (Climate Action Plan, Climate Change, Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG), Greenhouse Gas Emission (GHG) Reduction, Infill, LEED Certified, and Sustainability as well as a minor modification to the definition of Compatibility.

Staff recommended accepting Watkins' recommendations for modifications to the proposed definitions of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sustainability. Watkins further described his comments.

Tucker suggested revisions to Climate Change definition to reflect the following: "Changes in average temperature, sea level rise, snowpack coverage, water runoff and supply and vegetative cover"

Tucker also suggested revision to the Sustainability definition – Without "unnecessary interfering with" the ability... - delete quotations and source reference.

Tucker also requested that Revised GHG definitions to clarify relationship of 1990 levels.

Tescher described the three new programs that staff is recommending.

- Prepare a Climate Action Plan,
- Administer the Energy Action Plan,
- Maintain and Implement Energy Management Plans and Encourage Conservation.

No Committee edits to Implementation Programs were proposed.

#### **Public Comments:**

Additional recommendations for the glossary and implementation programs were discussed.

#### **Action:**

Gardner and Melby dissented to the change to the definition of Sustainability. All other changes approved unanimously.

### **2. Environmental Review Findings**

Hadfield and Brine provided an overview of the Environmental Review Findings and associated Traffic Impacts.

Gardner brought up changes in the Level of Service analysis at intersections. Level of service E is acceptable. Would like to show intersections that have changed, regardless of if they are within acceptable levels. Brine indicated that staff can provide additional information.

Wisneski recommended to the Committee that staff provide additional clarification to the public on these topics at the upcoming public information meeting.

Hadfield provided an overview of the project alternatives, including No Project Alternative (existing General Plan), and No Airport Area Land Use Changes.

The Committee discussed the EIR and traffic analysis.

#### **Public Comments:**

Representatives from projects within the Airport Area asked that these projects be analyzed individually.

#### **Action:**

No action required.

### **3. Land Use Element Amendment Recommendations**

The Committee reviewed the proposed Land Use changes.

Mulvihill discussed the project alternative and the timing of the airport settlement agreement.

The Committee discussed the proposed land use changes, the alternative land use changes analyzed in the Draft SEIR, and making no recommendation.

Tucker asked if a project-level EIR for UAP or Hangers could tier off of the SEIR. Hadfield confirmed that these projects could tier. Staff was asked if any projects would trigger a citywide vote, staff confirmed that the UAP request would require a vote based on Floor Area increase – due to 1,000 additional square feet.

**Public Comments:**

Representatives from projects within the Airport Area asked that these projects be analyzed individually.

**Action:**

The Committee voted unanimously not to make a recommendation related to the proposed land use changes.

**3. Policy Amendments**

Staff was asked to add language to the glossary that clarified what is mandatory and what is not.

Tucker suggested additional administrative edits.

Staff was asked to update the Table LU2 for the Planning Commission study session.

**Public Comments:**

The Committee was asked to clarify the schedule moving forward. The newsletter was discussed.

**Action:**

The policy amendments were approved.

**IV. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

City branding efforts were discussed.

**V. Adjournment**

Chair Selich thanked the committee for their service.

The agenda for the for the Regular Meeting was posted on March 27, 2014, at 3:00 p.m. in the Chambers binder located inside the vestibule of the Council Chambers at 100 Civic Center Drive and on the City's website on March 27, 2014, at 3:15 p.m.

Reviewd and approved  
Prior to posting

April 1, 2014 was the last scheduled LUEAC meeting and could not be approved.