

City of Newport Beach ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE



MINUTES 1-14-08

Draft minutes of the Environmental Quality Affairs Committee held at the City of Newport Beach Police Department Auditorium, 870 Santa Barbara Drive, on **Monday, January 14, 2008**.

Members Present:

X	Nancy Gardner, Council Member		Sandra Haskell- <i>excused</i>
X	Michael Henn, Council Member		Barry Allen
X	Bruce Asper		Kristine Adams - <i>excused</i>
X	Dolores Otting, Vice Chair		Susan Knox - <i>excused</i>
X	Kimberly Jameson	X	Arlene Greer
	Matt Wiley	X	Timothy Stoaks
	Brent Cooper - <i>excused</i>	X	Jennifer Winn
	Laura Dietz - <i>excused</i>	X	Ray Halowski
X	Kenneth Drellishak, Chair	X	Barbara Thibault
X	Laura Curran	X	Merritt Van Sant
X	Michael Smith	X	Robert Rush
X	Michael Pascale	X	John Moftakhar

Staff Representatives:

Guests:

X	Ass't City Mgr. Sharon Wood	Robyn Vettrano Stephanie Barger
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Chairperson Ken Drellishak called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. Minutes of December 17, 2007

Ray Halowski moved to approve the minutes of December 17, 2007, with corrections: Dolores Otting and Matt Wiley were present. Dolores Otting seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

2. Presentation by Robyn Vettrains, LEED Accredited Professional

Ray Halowski introduced Ms. Vettrains, who provided a presentation on Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), its benefits, scoring for certification, the number of certified buildings in the country, and information on the US Green Building Council (USGBC). She responded to questions from Committee members.

3. Presentation on Styrofoam Ban and Ordinance by Newport Harbor High School Surf and Environment Class

Stephanie Barger and students reported on research on Styrofoam, alternatives, cost comparisons, and health issues. They responded to questions from Committee members. Ray Halowski moved, and Tim Stoaks seconded, to recommend to the City Council that Newport Beach ban Styrofoam and polystyrene for food service. After discussion, consensus of the Committee was to continue the discussion to the meeting of February 25, 2008.

5. Coastal/Bay Water Quality Committee Representative's Report

Nancy Gardner reported that a subcommittee is working on a Water Quality Management Plan, and a study of the history of Upper Newport Bay is being prepared.

6. Report from Staff on Current Projects

Sharon Wood reported that the Hyatt Hotel Draft EIR is expected at the end of January.

7. Public Comments

Ray Halowski announced a Surfrider meeting at 7:00 p.m. on January 16.

8. Future Agenda Items

February: Polystyrene ban
Hyatt DEIR

9. Adjournment

Chair Drellishak adjourned the meeting at 9:13 p.m.



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DRAFT MINUTES 12-17-07

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X	Matt Wiley		Timothy Stoaks
	Brent Cooper - <i>excused</i>		Jennifer Winn
X	Laura Dietz		Ray Halowski
	Kenneth Drellishak, Chair	X	Barbara Thibault
X	Laura Curran		Merritt Van Sant
X	Michael Smith	X	Robert Rush
X	Michael Pascale	X	John Moftakhar

Staff Representatives:

Guests:

	Ass't City Mgr. Sharon Wood	Robert Hawkins Cris Trapp Barry Eaton
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Chairperson Ken Drellishak called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. Minutes of November 19, 2007

Ray Halowski moved to approve the minutes of November 19, 2007, with one correction: Barry Allen was present. Susan Knox seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

2. Presentation on Styrofoam Ban and Ordinance by Newport Harbor High School Surf and Environment Class

Stephanie Barger introduced the class, who spoke about the "Human Broom" beach clean-

up project and a proposed polystyrene ban. Committee members posed questions and made suggestions to the class for providing more detailed information in a presentation to the City Council.

3. Report from Energy Subcommittee

Laura Dietz reported that there was no meeting in December, and reviewed the recommendation to focus on education from the November meeting. There was discussion on how the subcommittee's work is consistent with the City Council Resolution establishing EQAC.

4. Economic Development Committee (EDC) Representative's Report

Chair Drellishak reported that EDC received a presentation from Mayor Rosansky and Mayor Pro Tem Selich on the North Newport Center project and Development Agreement.

5. Coastal/Bay Water Quality Committee Representative's Report

Nancy Gardner that the Committee received reports on protecting the Little Corona tide pools from damage by the public, and tiered water rates.

6. Report from Staff on Current Projects

Sharon Wood reported on the Hyatt Hotel and Bel Mare projects.

7. Public Comments

Robert Hawkins advised the Committee to look for analysis of impacts in Draft EIRs, even when mitigation measures have been identified in the Initial Study.

8. Future Agenda Items

January: LEEDS presentation
Polystyrene ban

10. Adjournment

Chair Drellishak adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.