



**CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

MINUTES 2-22-10

Draft minutes of the Environmental Quality Affairs Committee held at the City of Newport Beach Police Department Auditorium, 870 Santa Barbara Drive, on **Monday, February 22, 2010.**

Members Present:

X	Nancy Gardner, Council Member	X	Barbara Thibault
X	Michael Henn, Council Member	X	Laura Curran
X	Arlene Greer, Chair	X	Vincent Lepore
X	Kimberly Jameson	X	Kevin Nolen
X	Kevin Kelly		
		A	Sandra Haskell
X	Michael Smith	X	Kristine Adams
X	Ed Reno	E	Timothy Stoaks
A	Nick Roussos	X	Jay Myers
X	Joan Penfil	X	Charles McKenna
X	Bruce Asper	X	Debra Stevens
X	Merritt Van Sant	E	Michael Alti

Staff Representatives:

Guests:

X	Sharon Wood, Assistant City Manager	Ken Drellishak, Outgoing EQAC Chair Philip Bettencourt
X	James Campbell, Principal Planner	

Chairperson Greer called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. She thanked outgoing Chairperson Ken Drellishak for his leadership, hard work and assistance in transition.

Sharon Wood introduced James Campbell, Principal Planner, who will be replacing her as staff liaison to EQAC.

Kristine Adams announced her resignation from EQAC.

1. Minutes of December 21, 2009

Kevin Nolen noted that he had been present at the meeting. Michael Smith moved and Vincent Lepore seconded to approve the minutes of December 21, 2009, as corrected.

Motion passed unanimously

2. Report from subcommittee on Draft EIR for Marina Park (1700 W. Balboa Boulevard) and review and approval of comments

Chairperson Greer asked Ken Drellishak to lead the discussion on the report. The Committee discussed and made revisions to the report. Joan Penfil moved and Kevin Kelly seconded to approve the comments as amended.

Motion passed unanimously

3. Leaf blower update

Ken Drellishak reported on the City Council study session of February 9, 2010, and the Council's direction to staff to gather additional input from residents and homeowners associations and landscape maintenance businesses.

4. Update on Municipal Code Amendment regarding Smoking Regulations

Council Member Gardner reported that the City had received requests from the business community to delay action on this matter because of difficult economic times, especially for restaurants. She said that she had made contact with someone from the American Lung Association who has a lot of information on the effects of second hand smoke, which might help EQAC to develop a more specific recommendation for the City Council to consider. Barbara Thibault volunteered to do more research with this new resource.

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

Council Member Gardner had no report on Committee activities, but shared her observation that the Executive Director of the Regional Water Quality Control Board had been critical of cities who are members of the Newport Bay Executive Committee questioning a program whose cost had increased from \$5 million to \$140 million.

6. Economic Development Committee Representative's Report

Chairperson Greer reported that EDC had received a report on the positive impact of hotel stays from the BCS national championship football game, and progress on a study of the feasibility of a water taxi service. She also reported on the recently produced Special Events Calendar.

7. Report from Staff on Current Projects

Sharon Wood and Jim Campbell reported that draft EIRs for a contained aquatic disposal site for Newport Harbor dredging, and for Banning Ranch, are expected to be released for public review in May or June.

8. Public Comments

None

9. Future Agenda Items

March – Presentations from Newport Banning Ranch and Banning Ranch Conservancy

10. Adjournment

Chairperson Greer adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.