



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

MINUTES 2-23-09

Draft minutes of the Environmental Quality Affairs Committee held at the City of Newport Beach City Council Chambers, 3300 Newport Boulevard, on **Monday, February 23, 2009.**

Members Present:

X	Nancy Gardner, Council Member	X	Barbara Thibault
X	Michael Henn, Council Member	X	Laura Curran
X	Kenneth Drellishak, Chair	X	Vincent Lepore
X	Kimberly Jameson	X	Sandra Haskell
E	Kevin Kelly	X	Arlene Greer
X	Michael Pascale		Barry Allen
E	Michael Smith	X	Kristine Adams
X	Jeff Herdman	X	Timothy Stoaks
X	Nick Roussos		
E	Joan Penfil	X	Charles McKenna
E	Bruce Asper	X	Ray Halowski
X	Merritt Van Sant	X	Michael Alti

Staff Representatives:

Guests:

X	Sharon Wood, Assistant City Manager	
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Chairperson Ken Drellishak called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. New members Vincent Lepore and Charles McKenna introduced themselves.

- Minutes of January 26, 2009

Sandra Haskell moved to approve the minutes of January 26, 2009. Barbara Thibault seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

- Report from Membership Subcommittee, and Committee recommendations to City Council on appointments to fill vacancies in Community Association category

The Subcommittee recommended Sandra Haskell be re-assigned to the Community Association category because of her experience on the Shorecliffs Homeowners Association board and the Corona del Mar Residents Association, and that Kevin Nolen be appointed to

the District 6 at-large position. Arlene Greer moved and Merritt Van Sant seconded that the Committee forward the recommendation to the City Council.

Motion passed unanimously

3. Appointments to Marina Park Subcommittee, and review assignments

Chairperson Drellishak reviewed and confirmed appointments and assignments.

4. Report on leaf blower regulation research, and discussion of possible next steps

Chairperson Drellishak presented a draft report to the City Council. The Committee discussed alternate approaches to regulation, e.g., noise, air quality, complete ban. Consensus of the Committee was to recommend that the City Council consider a complete ban, and to provide options for the Council's consideration. Chairperson Drellishak and Michael Pascale agreed to finalize the report for the Committee's action at the March meeting.

5. Report on smoking bans, and discussion of possible next steps

Sharon Wood presented information on smoking bans in other California cities. The Committee discussed areas in which a smoking ban might be appropriate, and reached consensus to recommend that the City Council consider a ban on smoking in public areas and facilities, include outdoor dining areas, but not in residential areas.

6. Task Force on Green Development Representative's Report

Council member Gardner reported that the City Council would hold a study session on outreach efforts of the Task Force on February 24, 2009.

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

None

8. Economic Development Committee Representative's Report

Chairperson Drellishak reported that EDC had received presentations from the Banning Ranch Conservancy, which is working to acquire the land as permanent open space, and Newport Banning Ranch, the property owners/developers, at their February meeting.

9. Report from Staff on Current Projects

Sharon Wood reported that several DEIRs are under preparation and will be coming to EQAC in the coming months.

10. Public Comments

Laura Curran announced that there will be a LEED presentation to the Environmental Nature Center on March 17, 2009.

11. Future Agenda Items

- Questions on Marina Park DEIR and review assignments
- Leaf blower regulation update
- Smoking ban update

12. Adjournment

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