



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

MINUTES 1-26-09

Draft minutes of the Environmental Quality Affairs Committee held at the City of Newport Beach City Council Chambers, 3300 Newport Boulevard, on **Monday, January 26, 2009.**

Members Present:

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

Staff Representatives:

Guests:

X	Sharon Wood, Assistant City Manager	Laura Dietz Lauren Kilbride
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Chairperson Ken Drellishak called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. New members Nick Roussos and Jeff Herdman introduced themselves. Outgoing member Laura Dietz spoke about the history of EQAC and advised members to serve on subcommittees, share ideas and keep working on green issues.

1. Minutes of December 15, 2008

Arlene Greer moved to approve the minutes of December 15, 2008. Kevin Kelly seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

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

Michael Pascale summarized his written report. Council member Gardner noted that Alternatives 2 and 3 are interesting. Chairperson Drellishak commented on other cities that

have leaf blower ordinances, and a report prepared by the California Air Resources Board that had no recommendations. Michael Smith moved that the item be continued to the meeting of February 23 so that additional research on other cities can be completed. Chairperson Drellishak seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

3. Task Force on Green Development Representative's Report

Council member Gardner reported that the Task Force is still working on Building code amendments. Arlene Greer and Kevin Kelly reported on communications efforts. By consensus, the Committee indicated support for the direction the Task Force is taking.

4. Report from Membership Subcommittee, and Committee recommendations to City Council on appointments to fill vacancies

The subcommittee reported that one applicant, Charles McKenna, qualifies for the Environmental Expertise position, and recommended him to the Committee. Other applicants appear to be good candidates for EQAC, but do not meet the requirements for current vacancies. Merritt Van Sant moved that the appointment of Charles McKenna be recommended to the City Council. Michael Smith seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

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

Council member Gardner reported that City Council has adopted an ordinance limiting the time that boats may anchor at Big Corona. She also reported on a new State law regarding permit requirements for landscape projects related to MWD water conservation regulations, and that reductions in the County budget have created an opportunity to review protocols for testing water quality.

6. Economic Development Committee Representative's Report

Chairperson Drellishak and Council member Henn reported that one of EDC's members has been installed as President of the Tournament of Roses, which will help Newport Beach in hosting teams for the 2010 Rose Bowl football game; and that EDC received a report from Administrative Services Director Dennis Danner on the City's budget at their January meeting.

7. Report from Staff on Current Projects

Sharon Wood reported that the Marina Park DEIR will be the next to be reviewed by EQAC; and that there are several EIRS on public and private projects under preparation.

8. Public Comments

None

9. Future Agenda Items

February 23

- Report on leaf blower regulation research
- Appointment of Marina Park subcommittee\
- Potential ban on outdoor smoking

Future

- Report from OCSD on “toilet to tap” project

10. Adjournment

Chair Drellishak adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.