



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

MINUTES 11-17-08

Draft minutes of the Environmental Quality Affairs Committee held at the City of Newport Beach City Council Chambers, 3300 Newport Boulevard, on **Monday, November 17, 2008.**

Members Present:

X	Nancy Gardner, Council Member	X	Barbara Thibault
X	Michael Henn, Council Member	E?	Laura Curran
X	Kenneth Drellishak, Chair	X	Robert Rush
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	Timothy Stoaks
E	Laura Dietz		
X	Joan Penfil	E	Susan Knox
X	Bruce Asper		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 7:01 p.m.

1. Introduction of new member Michael Alti

Chairperson Drellishak introduced Michael Alti, who provided information on his background, including experience in land use law and CEQA.

2. Minutes of July 21, 2008 and September 15, 2008

Barbara Thibault moved to approve the minutes of July 21, 2008, and Sandra Haskell seconded the motion. Arlene Greer moved to approve the minutes of September 15, 2008, and Sandra Haskell seconded the motion.

Both motions passed unanimously

3. Report on and discussion of meeting attendance

Chairperson Drellishak referred to the attendance report attached to the agenda and discussed the importance of having a quorum at meetings to conduct EQAC business. The Committee directed Sharon Wood to prepare letters to all members with more than 3 absences from the Mayor, pursuant to the Resolution establishing EQAC.

4. Discussion of possible regulation of leaf blowers

Council member Gardner reported on citizen complaints regarding noise and air quality problems from use of leaf blowers. She noted that alternatives that don't result in unintended impacts are difficult to find, and asked if EQAC was interested in exploring the issue. Mike Pascale volunteered to do research into what other cities may be doing to regulate leaf blowers.

5. Appointment of subcommittee to review DEIR for Marinapark project

Chairperson Drellishak asked those who would be unable to serve on the subcommittee to notify him, and he will suggest appointments at the December meeting.

6. Task Force on Green Development Representative's Report

Arlene Greer and Kevin Kelly reported on outreach to the Youth Council and homeowners associations, and through cable television.

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

Council Member Gardner reported that the Committee and staff are working on an ordinance to limit the time that boats may anchor off Big Corona. She also reported on the results of recent studies of spikes in water quality issues in Huntington Beach, which show bacteria present in dry sand.

8. Economic Development Committee Representative's Report

Chairperson Drellishak and Sharon Wood reported on EDC and City Council action to extend the period of time when temporary banners may be displayed, to help businesses in this difficult economic time. Council member Henn reported on the progress of parking studies in the City's commercial districts.

9. Report from Staff on Current Projects

Sharon Wood reported that the Hyatt Regency project received the Planning Commission's recommendation for approval on November 6, and would be before the City Council in January.

10. Public Comments

Kimberly Jamieson raised concerns about the River Avenue beautification project and conversion of some streets to one-way.

11. Future Agenda Items

None

12. Adjournment

Chair Drellishak adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.