



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

MINUTES 8-17-09

Draft minutes of the Environmental Quality Affairs Committee held at the City of Newport Beach City Council Chambers, 3300 Newport Boulevard, on **Monday, August 17, 2009.**

Members Present:

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

Staff Representatives:

Guests:

X	Sharon Wood, Assistant City Manager	George Murdoch, Utilities Director Philip Bettencourt
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Chairperson Drellishak called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

- Minutes of June 15, 2009

Ray Halowski moved to approve the minutes of June 15, 2009, with the correction to show Barbara Thibault as excused. Arlene Greer seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

- Report on implementation of expanded polystyrene (EPS) ban from Stephanie Barger, Earth Resources Foundation and Assistant City Manager Sharon Wood

Chairperson Drellishak provided background on the ordinance, and introduced Stephanie Barger. She noted that an intern survey of 108 restaurants in June found that a majority knew about the ordinance and had implemented it. Four hardship exemptions had been

granted by the City, and three restaurants are known to be out of compliance. Sharon Wood provided a handout explaining the hardship exemptions she had approved (attached).

3. Report on draft water conservation ordinance from Utilities Director George Murdoch

George Murdoch reviewed an outline of the draft ordinance (attached), and responded to questions from Committee members.

4. Task Force on Green Development Representative's Report

Nancy Gardner reported that the Task Force had not met during the summer.

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

Nancy Gardner reported that the Committee has been working on priorities, emphasizing projects over studies. They also reviewed the Water Quality Master Plan.

6. Economic Development Committee Representative's Report

Chairperson Drellishak reported that EDC had received reports on two consulting services the City is using to try and attract new businesses to empty retail spaces. CoStar is a service that provides real estate information, and Buxton Community Marketing has studied the kinds of businesses that are looking for demographic profiles like Newport Beach's.

7. Report from Staff on Current Projects

Sharon Wood reported that the Draft EIR on the Megonigal residence will be released on August 21, and review of comments should be on the September agenda. The Draft EIR on the Civic Center project should be released on August 31; it has a 45-day review period, and can be on the October agenda. The Draft EIR on Sunset Ridge Park is expected in November.

9. Public Comments - None.

8. Future Agenda Items

Nancy Gardner and Chairperson Drellishak reported that they continue to receive complaints and questions about leaf blowers, and would like this matter placed on the September 21 agenda.

11. Adjournment

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