



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

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MEETING MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS: December 18, 2019

Board Members: **Tony Soriano (Chair), Bud Benneman (Vice Chair), Ana Rudolf (Secretary), Michelle Claud-Clemente, KC Fockler, Kathleen McGowan, Joan Siegal**

City Staff: **Tess Nguyen**

Planning Commission: John Scandura

Council Members: Jill Hardy, Barbara Delgleize

Speaker: None

Names in **bold** text were present at the meeting.

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comments (Open to the Public)

Michael Elliot – Discussed prohibition of bee keeping in Huntington Beach. Requested that this topic be placed on the agenda in order to discuss during a Board meeting.

Benneman made a motion to place the topic on the January agenda. Claude-Clemente second the motion.

Mark Sheldon – comments on the activities of the board.

Consent Calendar

Approval of Minutes –

Approval of November 20, 2019 Minutes, moved by Fockler, second by McGowan.
Motion carried 7-0,

Action Items – Environmental Review Items

1. Environmental Impact Reports
(<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/planning/environmental-reports/>)

Board will receive a formal communication on the posting of new EIRs. Nguyen will send the Board additional links to Environmental reports.

For further information please contact Staff Liaison Tess Nguyen, Associate Planner, Department of Community Development, 714-374-1744, tnguyen@surfcity-hb.org

Fockler – Asked if we should take another look at the EIR for the Magnolia Tank Farm (MTF). Nguyen discussed the process of Environmental related documents. The comment period for the MTF has passed and we cannot make additional comments.

Fockler also asked if the Board needs to comment on Poseidon? Tess explained that we do not have jurisdiction. Another governing body has jurisdiction which is why information regarding the project is not sent from the City.

Nguyen – the Board will receive documents to review when the city is the lead agency on the project.

Committee Reports

1. Executive Committee (Soriano, Benneman, Rudolf)
 - a. Goldenwest College Environmental Technology program was disbanded. Looking to add an Environmental class back to the curriculum soon.
 - b. Soriano – requested that we get name badges and business cards. Tess will investigate whether or not the city will provide funding.
2. Education and Outreach (Benneman, Claud-Clemente, Fockler, Rudolf)
 - a. Art Contest 2020
 - i. Board members received a handout (provided by former Board member Debbie Kiley) on the tasks needed for the art contest.
 - ii. The Environmental Board will team up with the Huntington Beach Union High School District STEAM event. The event will be held at Edison high school in March 2020. The theme is sustainability.
 - iii. Surf Rider foundation is offering to provide sponsorship.
 - iv. Question came up about what to do with old art work. Rudolf suggested that in future entry forms we indicate that if art is not picked up by the designated date it will be disposed of.
 - v. Action items for the Environmental Board
 1. Prepare flyer advertising the art contest. District would print flyer and distribute to students. Can put flyer in City Manager’s newsletter and add to website.
 2. Event is Saturday, March 28th 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 3. Flyer should be sent out by end of January. Have draft ready for January meeting. Benneman, Fockler, and Rudolf to meet and create draft flyer.
3. Natural Resource Management and Open Space (Claud-Clemente, McGowan, Siegal)

Committee members requested adding beekeeping to the January agenda.
4. Green Economy (Fockler, Siegal, Soriano)
 - a. Siegal – Asked what the city is doing to promote this the green business certification.

- b. Claude-Clemente suggested that we get educated on the program. Possibly team with the Chamber of Commerce to promote the program.
- c. McGowan – her business was certified and can provide information in a meeting. Information is found online.
<https://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/business/sustainable-business-certification-program/>
Nguyen will place this on January agenda.
- d. Fockler asked if the Board would like to see the Poseidon plant in Carlsbad. Fockler will arrange a tour.
- e. New Light Technologies – Fockler suggested a tour of the facility.
- f. Soriano – Suggested a tour to see the closed-loop paper product recycling system at Pacific City.

Administrative Items

- 1. The Brown Act
 - a. Nguyen will let the Board know when there will be training on the Brown Act. Recommends that newer members attend the training.

Member Comments

Siegal – Rotary club is willing to help Board for events.

Adjournment

Adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Environmental Board is Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 6:00 PM in Room B, Central Library, Huntington Beach, California.