



**MEETING MINUTES**  
Environmental and Sustainability Board  
City of Huntington Beach

**WEDNESDAY, April 14, 2022**  
6:00 PM – Regular Meeting  
Civic Center Lower Level B8 & Zoom

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**A. CALL TO ORDER** at 6:03PM by Chairperson Kalmick

**B. ROLL CALL**

- Present: Dan Kalmick, Bud Benneman, Kathleen McGowan, Joan Siegal
- Absent: KC Fockler (excused), Natalie Moser (excused)
- Planning Commission Liaison: Oscar Rodriguez (absent)
- City Staff: Grace Yoon-Taylor

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

A total of five (5) individuals attended the meeting in person and via Zoom.

There was one public comment made by Mark Sheldon to honor Tony Soriano who passed away a few weeks prior. Serving on the Environmental Board for many years, Tony was a kind leader who truly cared about caring for the environment and serving people. He will be truly missed.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Recommended Action:

Review and approve the February 09, 2022 Minutes as presented.

**MOTION:** Moved by Siegal, seconded by Kalmick to approve the minutes.

The motion carried by the following vote 4-0-1-2.

AYES: Fockler, McGowan, Siegal, Soriano

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Benneman

ABSENT: Fockler, Moser

**E. SUSTAINABILITY MASTER PLAN PROJECT**

The project team of consultants from Buro Happold and Raimi & Associates were introduced to the Board.

- Chris Rhie, Associate Principal, Buro Happold
- Louis Spanias, Senior Consultant, Buro Happold
- Walker Wells, Engagement Lead, Rami & Associates
- Sami Taylor, Engagement Co-lead, Rami & Associates

The team made a presentation on their Sustainability Master Plan (SMP) project overview, approach and framework, scope of work, and project



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timeline. The Board was asked to play an integral role in identifying and engaging key stakeholders and community groups in developing the SMP.

The Board also engaged in a discussion facilitated by Rami & Associates about what sustainability mean to them and shared their thoughts on sustainability priorities for the City, including but not limited to pedestrian and bike-friendly streets, how this ties with the General Plan and dense housing development, green building code, energy efficiency program, etc.

The Board also shared different ideas on communications strategies that could be improved from the current efforts. For example, there was a discussion about direct mailing, door tags, e-newsletters, SurfCitybreak.com and city website, engaging with Senior Center, daycare centers/school districts, and other key community partners for more effective dissemination of information.

Kalmick emphasized the importance of utilizing different communication channels beyond social media, considering the City's median age being 44.

#### **F. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Benneman honored Tony as he was a mentor to him and one of the reasons he got involved with the Surfrider Foundation and other local efforts. He was a genuine person who cared about the environment and the City.

Siegal also added that Tony was a welcoming, friendly member who treated everyone with respect.

McGowan honored Tony as he loved the ocean and engaged the community with the oil spill response and recovery efforts.

McGowan also stated that the Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) launched its commercial services in April. It was suggested to invite OCPA to speak and make a presentation in August 2022 meeting.

#### **G. STAFF COMMENTS/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Yoon-Taylor honored Tony, as he was so helpful when the City was recruiting local businesses to be certified as Sustainable Green Business.

She reminded the Board regarding the required trainings. The completion certificate needs to be sent to City staff.



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The 1993 bylaws of the Board is outdated and with new structural changes with the Board, it warrants an update. Instead of creating an ad-hoc committee, Kalmick suggested drafting one internally first and then soliciting feedback from the Board to get this accomplished administratively.

The Notice of Vacancy for the seat vacated by Soriano has been posted and publicized. The City has 19 active applications from the previous recruitment process and is currently accepting applications at this time.

#### H. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43PM by Chairperson Kalmick

**\*\*\* In memory of former Chair and board member, Tony Soriano \*\*\***

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Environmental and Sustainability Board is Wednesday, June 8 at 6:00 PM at the Civic Center Lower Level B8.

Respectfully Submitted by Staff Liaison Yoon-Taylor.

Approved by the Environmental and Sustainability Board on [enter date of approval].