



# CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

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## MEETING MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS: February 19, 2020

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, Kim Carr  
Speaker: None

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

### Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

### Public Comments (Open to the Public)

John Scandura – Will continue to be the Planning Commission liaison to the Environment Board.  
Encourages the Board to continue to look for opportunities to make contributions to the City.

### Consent Calendar

#### **Approval of Minutes –**

Approval of January 15, 2019 Minutes, moved by Claude-Clemente second by McGowan  
Motion carried 6-0.

### Action Items – Environmental Review Items

1. Environmental Impact Reports  
<https://huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/planning/environmental-reports/>

<https://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/planning/major/>

No new EIRs

2. Public Hearing Notices
  - a. Ellis Condos
    - i. Development at Beach Blvd and Ellis Ave.
    - ii. City Council heard additional arguments about the development of the site on 2/17. Council reaffirmed their denial of the development.
  - b. Park Avenue Rezone
    - i. Sunset beach development of private property on Park Ave. City Council agreed to rezone the property for residential, which needs to go to Coastal Commission as well.

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

## **Committee Reports**

1. Executive Committee (Soriano, Benneman, Rudolf)
  - a. No report
2. Education and Outreach (Benneman, Claud-Clemente, Fockler, Rudolf)
  - a. Art Contest 2020
    - i. Posters and Flyers for Art Contest were distributed.
      1. Flyer is on City Website, City news, and City Manager's Report.
    - ii. Five sponsors have donated about \$3000 dollars in gifts.
    - iii. Republic Services has signed on as a sponsor. Electronic copies of flyers will be changed to include them on the sponsor list.
    - iv. Need judges for March 28<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. All voting will be electronic. Will include a viewer's choice award.
      1. Fockler to send Nguyen judging information so she can ask City Council liaisons if they would like to be judges. Looking for total of 8 or 9 judges. Nguyen will reach out to Kate Hoffman the manager of the Huntington Beach Art Center.
  - b. STEAM Event
    - i. Police, City Works, State Parks, and Lifeguards will be present.
    - ii. Board to have a table with Board Members available.
      1. Nguyen to get brochure or flyer for the event.
      2. Soriano to get tablecloth
      3. Fockler will register us with the event.
3. Natural Resource Management and Open Space (Claud-Clemente, McGowan, Siegal)
  - a. Claud-Clemente and McGowan are working on the Beekeeping white paper.
  - b. Wetlands Conservancy (Newland and PCH). The Board would like to get a person from the Conservancy Board to come and speak at a Board meeting.
4. Green Economy (Fockler, Siegal, Soriano)
  - a. Community Choice Energy Feasibility Study
    - i. City voted to fund the study.

## **Administrative Items**

1. Committee to finish the 2019 Annual Report
  - a. Draft is available. Soriano will send Nguyen a draft to distribute to the Board.
2. Line up Speakers for 2020 – Plan for a speaker at every other meeting. Suggestions include:
  - a. Newlight Technologies – Soriano
  - b. Wetlands Conservancy (Fockler)
  - c. Public Works (Fockler)
  - d. City Staff from Fullerton that were involved in Beekeeping ordinance (Claud-Clemente)
  - e. Elizabeth Savage – Beekeepers Association
  - f. Chris Slama - Community Services Director
  - g. Major Projects -- City Employees
  - h. Oliver Chi – City ManagerInclude the month and topic of discussion

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3. Tour ideas for 2020
  - a. Newlight Technologies – ocean degradable materials
  - b. Poseidon Carlsbad
  - c. Sanitation Department Waste Water Treatment plant
  - d. Long Beach Aquarium behind the scenes
  - e. Tour a Landfill
  - f. AES Plant
  - g. Public Works Reservoirs, pump stations, sewer lift stations.
  - h. Orange County Water District
  - i. Central Park
  - j. Urban Forest
  - k. Shipley Nature Center
4. Business Cards
  - a. Completed and received by Board members.

### **Member Comments**

Fockler – Sea level rise and flooding of PCH. Is City of HB looking to address the flooding?

- PCH is owned by Public Transportation. Can have someone come to speak to Board about what they are doing to address the issue.

Benneman – Discussions at Goldenwest College about maintaining an Environmental program.

### **Adjournment**

Adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Environmental Board is Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 6:00 PM in Room B, Central Library, Huntington Beach, California.

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