



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

PO Box 190 | Huntington Beach CA 92648

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

6:00 PM – Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM.

ROLL CALL

Board Members: **Tony Soriano (Chair), Bud Benneman (Vice Chair), KC Fockler, Kathleen McGowan, Joan Siegal**
Liaison: **Natalie Moser**
City Staff: **Tess Nguyen**
Speaker: **Mark Sheldon**

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mark Sheldon mentioned the following topics:

- sea level rise and development along the coast
- presentation by Public Works Director (Mobility Plan in Huntington Beach)
- global cleanup day
- art contest
- Ascon
- street closures in downtown

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of Minutes – August 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes
Moved by Benneman and seconded by Soriano. Motion carried 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Environmental Review Items
 - Soriano asked about the status of the Sustainability Master Plan.
 - Moser said that staff is developing the Plan.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Executive Committee (Soriano, Benneman)
 - Benneman suggested starting a Bylaws Committee to review the Board's bylaws. Perhaps establishing an Ad Hoc Committee with Mark Sheldon. Agenda Item for next meeting.

2. Education and Outreach (Benneman, Fockler)
 - a. Art Contest
 - Fockler discussed the Art Contest To-Do List and process.
 - March 2022 timeline
 - Art Contest Committee: Fockler, Benneman, Soriano
 - Email flyers to teachers and post printed flyers at school to get the word out about the art contest
 - Accept paper and digital media art pieces
3. Natural Resource Management and Open Space (McGowan, Siegal)
 - a. Jeff Henderson – Extreme Heat and Urban Heat Islands
 - Speaker was concerned with meeting location and would like to participate at a later date.
 - McGowan said that Huntington Beach does not have a problem but cities further inland have more intense heat index.
 - Soriano mentioned the City of Los Angeles study on this issue.
 - Siegal expressed concern about urban heat islands as they related to water usage.
 - b. Park and Open Space Mapping
 - McGowan reported on Huntington Beach ranking – parkland areas for density of population.
 - Benneman said residential density is increasing.
 - Fockler questioned how Huntington Beach gets to count the beach in the parkland requirement.
 - Siegal suggested looking at the data and reviewing how they are calculated.
 - Soriano asked about the Ascon and Magnolia Tank Farm developments and designation of open space.
 - Moser recorded questions and concerns from the Board to take back to the City Council.
4. Green Economy (Fockler, Siegal, Soriano)
 - a. Sustainable Business Certificate Program
 - Discussion of how the Environmental Board could facilitate the continuation of the Green Business Certification Program in Huntington Beach through an internship at Goldenwest College.
 - Benneman to sit down with Department Chair to discuss the possibility of this internship program or independent study class.
 - Siegal suggested having a process/procedure for student involvement with supervision from a professor.
 - McGowan suggested having questions and checklists for field inspection to maintain the statewide standards.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Environmental Board Officers (Appointment and Term)
 - Extend the current term of officers to June 30, 2022
 - Moved by Benneman and seconded by Fockler. Motion carried 5-0.

Soriano as Chair
Benneman as Vice-Chair
Fockler as Secretary (Siegal when Fockler not available)

2. New Meeting Date
 - second Wednesday of the month
3. Orange County Power Authority Community Advisory Committee Report
 - McGowan reported about the Advisory Committee (purpose, staff members, Board members, implementation in Spring 2022 for commercial customers, OCPower.org)
 - Concerns include: competitiveness, renewal energy, isolated grid, control by city

MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Moser – Direct staff to create a call out on social media for recruitment of four vacant positions with a 2-week deadline to submit applications.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 7:24 PM

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Environmental Board is Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 6:00 PM in Room B-7, Lower Level, Huntington Beach City Hall.

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