

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE**  
**REGULAR COASTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Thursday, February 10, 2011, @ 7:00 p.m.  
Community Center, Ole Hanson Fireside Room  
100 N. Seville, San Clemente, CA 92672

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**1. CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Acting Chair Jordan called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Committee Member Salgado led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Susan Ambrose, Don Brown, Robert Jordan, Peter Salgado, Eric Swartz (7:30 p.m.)

Absent: Chair pro tem Ken Nielsen, Chair Bill Hart

Staff Present: Tom Bonigut, Assistant City Engineer  
Jim Pechous, City Planner  
Brenda Wisneski, Principal Planner  
Eileen White, Recording Secretary

Committee Member Jordan agreed to act as Chair for the meeting.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Minutes of the January 13, 2011 Regular Meeting

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER BROWN, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER SALGADO, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED to receive and file the minutes of the January 13, 2011, meeting with the following revisions:

Page 3, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, after the first sentence, add the following: "He was uncomfortable moving forward without seeing the ACOE's responses to comments made on the EIR. "

**4. PUBLIC INPUT - None**

**5. OLD BUSINESS - None**

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Review of Existing Coastal Element

A memo by Brenda Wisneski, Principal Planner, and Jim Pechous, City Planner, regarding review and feedback on the City's existing Coastal Element of the General Plan.

Brenda Wisneski, Principal Planner, reviewed the staff report, a summary of the purpose, contents, history and the process for certifying a Local Coastal Plan. The Local Coastal Plan (LCP) has two parts, a Local Coastal Element, which serves as the City's Land Use Plan for the coastal area, and an Implementation Plan (IP), which implements the goals and policies in the City's Land Use Plan. Staff recommended the Coastal Advisory Committee (CAC) designate at least one representative from the CAC to attend meetings with Coastal Commission staff, and agendaize this topic for its next few regular meetings in order to provide input, review and guidance. In addition, it may be possible that additional meetings will be scheduled if additional time is needed to establish goals and policies by June 2011.

Jim Pechous, City Planner, explained that the existing Coastal Element will be closely scrutinized to ensure its compliance with California Coastal Commission (CCC) requirements and that staff will work closely with CCC staff to make sure all the key areas are addressed.

In response to questions, Ms. Wisneski advised that although the City's consultants for the General Plan Update have not completed an LCP before, they will be very helpful to ensure that the LCP is consistent with the updated General Plan; noted the updated General Plan with its LCP will be web-based, if allowed by the CCC; stated that expected timelines are dependent on the availability of CCC staff; and anticipated the LCP and its IP will be completed in 2013.

Tom Bonigut, Assistant City Engineer, confirmed with Planning Division staff that 2 representatives could be selected to attend the CCC meetings, and reviewed the meeting times and anticipated responsibilities of the representatives, which includes updating the entire CAC on the progress of the CCC meetings. He advised that Chair Hart, who could not be present at tonight's meeting, had expressed interest in attending the CCC meetings.

Committee Members Brown and Ambrose expressed interest in representing the CAC, with Committee Member Ambrose deferring to Committee Member Brown. Committee Member Ambrose agreed to serve as alternate.

It was moved by Committee Member Salgado, seconded by Committee Member Swartz, and unanimously carried to appoint Chair Hart and

Committee Member Brown to represent the CAC in the CCC meetings regarding the Local Coastal Plan, with Committee Member Ambrose serving as alternate.

Ms. Wisneski requested for their next meeting that CAC Members review the existing Local Coastal Element, the LCP certification steps provided by staff, the General Plan Coastal Policy Goals, and the CCC guidelines for establishing a Local Coastal Plan, which are accessible via the CCC website.

Jim Pechous, City Planner, advised the CAC to consider establishing policy for issues which may be important to the Committee but are not yet referenced in the existing Local Coastal Element. He agreed to email the Committee Members before each meeting so all are aware of the component that will be the focus of the next meeting.

B. Strategic Priorities Discussion

Tom Bonigut, Assistant City Engineer, reviewed the staff report, a request that the CAC discuss and develop its list of strategic priorities for recommendation to the City Council at the Council's upcoming Strategic Priorities Public Workshop.

Discussion ensued regarding potential strategic priorities.

Mr. Bonigut agreed to discuss the CAC's desire to be involved in any discussion regarding potential fee charges for fire ring rentals, beach rentals, BBQ's, and beach space with the City Manager and Beaches, Parks and Recreation Director and report back.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER SALGADO, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER BROWN, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED to direct staff to forward the following Strategic Priorities (in no particular order) to City Council for discussion at the Strategic Priorities Public Workshop:

- Beach nourishment
- Beach erosion study
- Preservation of beach access and scenic views for public
- Clean up of stagnant water under bridge north of T-Street/wetlands protection
- Plastic bag ban
- Kelp Management
- Water quality in watershed at Poche Beach

## 7. COMMUNICATIONS

### A. Bacterial Monitoring Report Dated February 2, 2011

Brief discussion ensued regarding sample testing irregularities/unexpected results of bacteria testing. Committee Member Salgado requested staff provide graphics/slides indicating the concentrations of the represented bacteria; also bio swale information on next month's report.

### B. January 2011 Environmental Programs Update

Committee Members received and filed Items 7A & 7B as submitted by staff.

## 8. ITEMS FROM STAFF

### A. Potential Future Agenda Items

Mr. Bonigut reviewed the proposed future agenda items and speculated the Poche/Bacteria Study update information would be sent by email in advance of the March meeting packet. No new items were added to future agendas.

## 9. ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee Member Ambrose thanked Committee member Brown for his assistance with her efforts to arrange for the Casa's Water Wise Workshop Garden brochures to be available for patrons at the library. In addition, she established from staff that she should contact Rita Deforest in Parks and Recreation Division to arrange for flyers to be affixed to the community bulletin board located in the Community Center.

Committee Member Swartz reported that at its last meeting the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission approved Phase II, which includes Courtney's Sandcastle, of the Vista Hermosa/La Pata Park project. Subcommittee meetings are ongoing regarding dog access on City beaches.

Committee Member Ambrose commented on the importance of consistency between the rules regulating City beaches and the State beach, especially those concerning dog access, fire rings, etc., for visitors and locals alike who may be unaware of the boundaries and/or rules for the beaches.


Committee Member Brown reported that the Planning Commission has been focusing on land use changes in certain areas of town as part of the General Plan Update, and met jointly with the City Council to discuss final plans.

Acting Chair Jordan reported that the last Watershed Task Force-sponsored clean up at Max Berg Park was very successful.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER BROWN, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER SWARTZ, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. to the Regular Meeting to be held on Thursday, March 10, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room at the Community Center, 100 N. Seville, San Clemente, CA.

Respectfully submitted,



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Robert Jordan, Acting Chair

Attest:



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Tom Bonigut, Assistant City Engineer