MINUTES CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE REGULAR COASTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, August 19, 2010, @ 7:00 p.m.
Community Development, 2nd Floor Conference Room
910 Calle Negocio, San Clemente, CA 92673

1. CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Hart called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

Eric Swartz, Susan Ambrose, Don Brown, Robert Jordan, Peter

Salgado; Chair pro tem Ken Nielsen; and Chair Bill Hart

Absent:

None.

Staff Present:

Tom Bonigut, Assistant City Engineer

- 3. PUBLIC INPUT None
- 4. OLD BUSINESS None

5. NEW BUSINESS - Corps of Engineers Shoreline Erosion Feasibility Study

NOTE: This meeting of the Coastal Advisory Committee was to host a public workshop to receive public comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Report for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Proposed Shoreline Erosion Project. The following is a general summary of the public workshop. A detailed transcript is available at the City of San Clemente Engineering Division (949-361-6187).

Chair Hart opened the discussion with a brief explanation of tonight's workshop, and asked each committee member to provide a brief self-introduction, and then introduced Colonel Mark Toy of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (hereinafter "Corps").

Colonel Toy provided a brief personal background, and then described the plan for the public workshop, including the Corps' six-step planning process. Col. Toy then asked George Scarborough, City Manager, to make a few opening remarks.

Mr. Scarborough noted that sand and the beach are important to San Clemente, that the study has been underway for some time, and that it was important for the public to provide feedback to help ensure that and key issues are addressed.

Colonel Toy then introduced Heather Schlosser, Corps Project Manager, who narrated a powerpoint presentation which included the study purpose, background, problem identification, project alternatives, constraints, the tentatively recommended plan, environmental considerations, project costs and next steps. She noted that the presentation would be posted on the City's website so the public could access it.

After the presentation, Colonel Toy invited committee members to ask questions and provide comment, during which Corps staff provided responses. Topics included sand movement direction, basis of the sand modeling, quality of the sand source, project construction details, potential wave/surfing impacts, sea level rise, and beach sand replenishment cycle. After committee member questions and comments, Colonel Toy invited members of the public to provide comment. Mr. Mike Barnes, Mr. Mark Rauscher and Mr. Edward Gurman provided comments and asked questions which Corps staff responded to. Topics included concern about surf breaks, cause of beach erosion, private vs. public property protection, economic justification, consideration of whether or not the City should have any facilities on the beach, and the remaining study process.

After public comment, Colonel Toy provided a brief closing statement. Chair Hart reminded the audience of the importance to provide comment and get engaged when the committee and Council consider this project in the near future.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER JORDAN, SECONDED BY CHAIR HART AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. to a Special Joint Meeting with City Council, the Golf Course Committee, Parks and Recreation Commission, Planning Commission, Human Affairs Committee, Investment Advisory Committee, and the Coastal Advisory Committee on Thursday, August 24, 2010 at 7:00 P.M., in the Fireside Room, at the Community Center, 100 N. Seville, San Clemente, CA.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Hart, Chair

Attest:

Tom Bonigut, Assistant City Engineer