

MINUTES
CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE
COASTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, September 10, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.
Community Center, Ole Hanson Fireside Room
100 N. Seville, San Clemente, CA 92672

1. CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Hart called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Committee Member Thomson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Committee Members Robert Jordan (arr. 7:03 p.m.), Bob Maltinsky, Richard Schwien (arr. 7:03 p.m.), Michael Metcalf (arr. 7:05 p.m.), and Mitchell Thomson; Chair pro tem Ken Nielsen and Chair Bill Hart

Absent: None

Staff Present: Tom Bonigut, Assistant City Engineer
Eileen White, Recording Secretary

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the July 9, 2009, Regular Meeting

Moved by Committee Member Thomson, seconded by Chair pro tem Nielsen, and carried unanimously 4-0-3, (with Committee Members Schwien, Jordan and Metcalf absent for the vote) to receive and file the minutes of the July 9, 2009, Regular Meeting, as submitted by staff.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

None.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Joint City Council Meeting Discussion Topics

Tom Bonigut, Assistant City Engineer, reviewed the staff report, a prioritized listing of potential topics proposed for discussion at the Joint City Council/Coastal Advisory Committee Meeting. He recommended the Committee Members finalize the list for forwarding to the City Clerk's office.

During discussion, Mr. Bonigut agreed to provide information concerning the City's existing bed tax policy, and information from cities currently participating in programs where bed taxes are set aside for sand replacement/beach issues, for discussion at the joint meeting

Committee Members concurred to approve the list as presented by staff with the following revision:

Item no. 1, add to the end "and consider for development of a Local Coastal Plan."

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Update on Use of ATV's at the Beach

Tom Bonigut, Assistant City Engineer, summarized the staff report prepared by Bill Humphreys, Marine Safety Chief, describing the role ATV's play to increase public safety at the beach. ATV's cost less to operate than jeeps, have less potential to cause serious injury, and have better maneuverability. Users have undergone extensive training, no accidents with City vehicles have occurred to date, and no complaints regarding ATV usage have been lodged with the City. He suggested that any Committee Members with additional questions or comments call Mr. Humphreys directly.

Commissioner Metcalf opined that ATV's are dangerous, noisy, and interfere with residents' quiet enjoyment of their homes. ATV's have not played a key role in the rescues he has witnessed, and they have the potential to be misused for joy riding along the beach and beach trail.

Chair pro tem Nielsen commented that the ATV's are only ridden by qualified personnel and allow the lifeguards to quickly provide backup when needed.

Chair Hart supported the use of ATV's at the beach for their maneuverability, back up capabilities, and ability to carry equipment; noted they were only used by trained lifeguards and proven to be very useful in an emergency.

Report received and filed.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Bacterial Monitoring Report Dated August 30, 2009

Chair pro tem Nielsen suggested staff photograph the many birds present at Poche Beach to illustrate and help explain the high Poche Beach bacterium counts. Mr. Bonigut noted the Poche Beach water treatment installation installed by the County is still undergoing testing.

B. July 2009 Environmental Programs Update

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

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF

A. Municipal Pier Repair

Mr. Bonigut reviewed the staff report prepared by Amir K. Ilkhanipour, Associate Civil Engineer, summarizing plans to repair/rehabilitate the City pier, including details on the bid award process, proposed budget, construction schedule, and access impacts. The report was presented to the San Clemente Redevelopment Agency on September 1, 2009, and approved. Staff recommended the Committee receive and file the report.

Report received and filed.

B. Proposed Desalination Pilot Project Update

Mr. Bonigut reviewed the staff report prepared by William E. Cameron, Public Works Director/City Engineer, an update and discussion of budget issues concerning the South Orange Coastal Desalination Pilot Plant Project. The report was presented to City Council at its July 7, 2009, meeting and approved. Staff recommended the Committee receive and file the report.

C. Miscellaneous Activities Update

Mr. Bonigut provided a verbal update on miscellaneous activities including the award of a Federal Grant for the City to use to increase energy efficiency. Staff is studying City facilities to determine the best uses for the grant money, and currently testing out new energy efficient light fixtures and bulbs along Avenida Del Mar. Committee Members elected to leave the meeting room to review the new light fixtures located directly adjacent to the meeting room, indicated the preferred option to staff, and returned. Mr. Bonigut noted staff is working with the lighting contractors to ensure the most complementary lighting is chosen.

In addition, Mr. Bonigut advised that staff is reviewing a funding program that would help homeowners associations, businesses, and residents replace existing lighting with solar. With a funding partner, the City would help provide seed money for the solar lighting fixtures, with the homeowner's associations/businesses/residents paying back the money in a prescribed manner similar to tax bills. The program will help the City reach energy efficiency measures and greenhouse emission standards. Additional information on this program will be presented as soon as it is available.

Committee Member Metcalf requested the program include funds for residents whose solar energy systems are not working correctly.

Mr. Bonigut updated the Committee on the progress of the Draft Sustainability Action Plan, noting that staff is revising the Plan based on Council input. Workshops will be scheduled to allow the public to provide input, with the final Draft Plan expected to go to Council in December 2009, or January 2010.

Lastly, Mr. Bonigut informed that the Pay Parking Stations at the Pier Bowl were being replaced by new machines that will allow patrons to use their credit cards. In addition, the machines at North Beach are fast approaching their anticipated replacement date and new machines for Linda Lane Park are being considered. He noted the parking pay rates will be considered during the General Plan Update process.

D. Potential Future Agenda Items

Mr. Bonigut reminded all that the Joint Meeting scheduled for October 13, 2009, would replace the regular October meeting. Unless the Committee is informed otherwise, the Joint Meeting will be held at 910 Calle Negocio in the second floor conference room. Chair Hart added "Discussion of solar energy products and installation" as a potential future agenda item.

9. ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee Member Maltinsky reviewed items discussed at the last Parks and Recreation Commission meeting including an update on the Vista Hermosa/La Pata Sports Park, noting that lawn bowling and BMX facilities have been added to the park; and an update on the current debate whether Courtney's Sandcastle Park should be a section of the Vista Hermosa/La Pata Park or a separate park on its own.

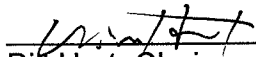
Chair Hart invited all to attend community events being held this weekend including the Art Auction on Friday night at the Art Gallery starting at 6:00 p.m. and the Coastal Cleanup on Saturday, starting at the pier at 8:30 a.m. He noted that at the last Council meeting, Council directed Code Compliance staff to start ticketing those unlawfully leaving bulky trash items on streets and alleys. In addition, Council denied the CAC approved balloon prohibition on City property, and instead directed staff to start a public education campaign to increase awareness of the negative impacts wayward balloons have on sea life.

Committee Member Thomson announced that at the last Planning Commission meeting, the Commission approved the Hapa J application for live entertainment, and discussed at the Study Session the issue of public benefit as it relates to a total of eight (8) properties along Avenida Victoria in the Pier Bowl area.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER THOMSON, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER METCALF, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. to the Joint City Council/Coastal Advisory Committee Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. on the second floor of the Community Development Building, 910 Calle Negocio, San Clemente, CA.

Respectfully submitted,



Bill Hart, Chair

Attest:



Tom Bonigut, Assistant City Engineer