

**MINUTES  
CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE  
COASTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday, December 13, 2007 @ 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**

Chair Hart called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Committee Member Brook led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Committee Members Robert Jordan, Bob Maltinsky, Duffy Brook, Scott Smith, and Michael Metcalf; and Chair Bill Hart.

Absent: Chair pro tem Ken Nielsen

Staff Present: Tom Bonigut, Environmental Programs Manager  
Dennis Reed, Beaches & Parks Manager  
Eileen White, Recording Secretary

Agenda items are presented in the originally agendized format for the benefit of the minutes' reader, but were not necessarily heard in that order.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Minutes of the November 8, 2007, Regular Meeting**

MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER BROOK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER MALTINSKY AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 8, 2007, REGULAR MEETING WITH THE FOLLOWING REVISIONS:

Page 2, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph, 1<sup>st</sup> sentence, strike "and drainage responsibilities" and "and agreed to provide staff ...how to proceed"

Page 3, 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph, 1<sup>st</sup> sentence, replace "Moulson" with "Wilson"

Page 5, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph, replace "10." with "9."; 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph, replace "Johnson" with "Jordan"

**4. PUBLIC INPUT – None**

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Potential Future Agenda Items

Tom Bonigut, Environmental Programs Manager, reviewed the agenda items proposed for the months of January through May 2008. Commissioners added "Research and Potential Implementation of Water Conservation Techniques for City Parks" to a future agenda.

Future Agenda received and filed.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Beach Grooming and Maintenance

Dennis Reed, Beaches & Parks Manager, summarized the staff memo, including an overview of the beach grooming process, mechanized sand grooming (Beach Tech) usage, maintenance crew personnel, volunteer cleanup interface with City programs, and past cleaning methods. Mr. Reed announced the recent passing of Amos Lopez, long time City employee in charge of the City's beach grooming program.

In response to questions from the Committee Members, Mr. Reed noted the Beach Tech device is mostly used on the City beaches with the most public usage; staff is working to establish a assortment of hardy plants for beach planting and working with the contractor to replace those doing poorly; described maintenance and repair issues with the trail including vandalism, security breaches, and weather damage; and addressed recent study results concerning the treatment of kelp beds.

Public Comment:

Tom Wicks, City resident, described situations near T-Street Beach he believes need addressed, including runoff from Trafalgar Canyon, abandoned and rusted barrels, and abundant trash.

Mr. Reed agreed that past efforts to clean up the runoff from Trafalgar Canyon have not been successful, and suggested this issue be considered as a potential Vital Few Priority project recommendation. He noted many of the issues surrounding T-Street Beach arise from its popularity with local residents, improper runoff from Trafalgar Canyon residents, and private slope ownership.

Report received and filed.

B. Pedestrian Trail Phase II Update

Tom Bonigut, Environmental Programs Manager, provided an oral update on the progress of Phase II of the Coastal Trail. Phase II elements include 3 new at-grade crossings, wooden staircase beach accesses, tunnel underpass at Mariposa,

boardwalk improvements, DG surfacing, and miscellaneous improvements. He noted sections of the trail will be closed off from pedestrian traffic during certain improvements and detours will be established. Staff is working with the Railroad to coordinate a 2-day railroad service shutdown, which is necessary for trail improvements, and also needed by the railroad for an unrelated matter. He discussed the work allocated to contractors; alternate designs being considered to improve safety and discourage unauthorized access to the railroad tracks; and the progress of the groundwork currently underway.

Oral report received.

C. Vital Few Priority (VFP) Recommendations from CAC

Tom Bonigut, Environmental Programs Manager, summarized the staff report and reviewed the status of projects on the Vital Few Priorities Implementation Schedule – Summer 2007. He recommended the Committee Members suggest and discuss items for inclusion on the priority list.

Committee Members suggested the following items for consideration, with the final list to be established at their next meeting. Potential items include:

- Reorganization or reprioritization of street sweeping program, including additional funding for potential expansion of and/or increased frequency in some areas and study of potential decrease of frequency in other areas;
- Study of storm sewers for opportunities to retrofit with improved pollution removal devices;
- Creek restoration opportunities as part of clean water efforts;
- Future enhancements to the Coastal Trail, including addressing bottlenecked areas;
- Core study or resident survey concerning relocation of Marine Safety Building;
- Improved access points to Coastal Trail;
- Survey of public concerning interface between the beaches and downtown areas;
- Research on beach users, beach use in comparison to other City facilities uses, and forecasts for future changes, parking needs, etc., also financial implications of local beach user vs. visitors;
- Implementation of electronic monitoring system for the beach to indicate trends, tourists values, public asset, etc.; and
- Local Coastal Program in conjunction with General Plan Update

**7. COMMUNICATIONS**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS RECEIVED AND FILED ITEMS 7A THROUGH 7D AS SUBMITTED BY STAFF.

- A. Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes from October 9, 2007
- B. Bacterial Monitoring Report Dated December 4, 2007
- C. Winter Storm Watch – Memo Dated 11/27/07
- D. October 2007 Environmental Programs Update

**8. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Tom Bonigut, Environmental Programs Manager, announced he was in the process of scheduling a joint meeting with the City of Dana Point's coastal advisory group. He has staff and the Committee Members' schedules and will arrange it for a time that most can attend.

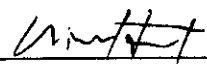
Committee Member Maltinsky read a letter from Al King, Director of Beaches, Parks and Recreation, regarding the City's new parks; noted that repair of San Geronio Park slopes and light standards was currently in progress; and announced that the meeting date for the January meeting has been changed to Wednesday, January 9, 2008, due to changes in City Council meeting schedule.

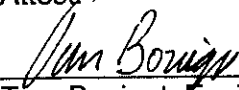
Tom Bonigut, Environmental Programs Manager, agreed to provide the Committee Members with the final report on the North Beach Sand Replenishment Project.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER SMITH, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER JORDAN, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED to adjourn at 9:23 p.m. to the regular meeting scheduled for January 10, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ole Hanson Fireside Room at the Community Center, 100 N. Seville, San Clemente, CA 92672.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Bill Hart, Chair

Attest:  
  
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Tom Bonigut, Environmental Programs Manager