

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE**  
**COASTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Thursday, November 8, 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 Metcalf led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: None

Staff Present: Tom Bonigut, Environmental Programs 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 October 11, 2007, Regular Meeting

MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER SMITH, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER JORDAN AND CARRIED 6-0-1, WITH COMMITTEE MEMBER BROOK ABSTAINING, TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 11, 2007, REGULAR MEETING WITH THE FOLLOWING REVISION:

Page 3, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, second & third sentences, replace "Council Members" with "Committee Members";

**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 December 2007 and January 2008. Committee

Members moved the Street Sweeping Update from January to December agenda to ensure discussion before Vital Few Priorities recommendations are due. Tom Bonigut, Environmental Programs Manager, noted that staff responded to many complaints and instances of citizens hosing down their properties after the latest firestorm and Santa Ana wind conditions left substantial debris. He advised that the City's Water Conservation Manager, Nathan Adams, has been making presentations to homeowners associations and professional landscapers, in both English and Spanish, in an effort to curb over-watering and encourage water saving practices. He anticipates a water forum meeting with adjacent cities will take place in February 2008.

In response to Committee Member Metcalf's request for additional information concerning 1) Beach ratings, grooming practices, and compliance with acceptable standards; and 2) bacterial content in sand/the effects of pharmaceutical products on ocean water, Committee Members discussed research and presentations concerning these issues previously brought before the Committee. Tom Bonigut, Environmental Programs Manager, agreed to provide copies of past memos/staff reports on these issues, and to contact the experts that have provided presentations in the past for their availability for updates to the Committee in the future. In addition, Committee Member Metcalf requested information concerning storm water quality improvements as a result of installation of improved catch basins; and potential discussion of rebuilding guidelines for properties on coastal bluffs that suffer damage from slope instability. Tom Bonigut, Environmental Programs Manager, agreed to provide a memo regarding the storm water quality improvements. Chair Hart advised that policies concerning rebuilding properties following slope failure were determined at the City Council level, and also expressed interest in further discussion of the issue. Tom Bonigut, Environmental Programs Manager advised the City might soon be embarking on a Comprehensive General Plan Update, and the Committee might include this topic as part of their Vital Few Priorities Recommendations or that General Plan process.

Committee Member Maltinsky requested information concerning maintenance for properties abutting coastal canyons, to Tom Bonigut, Environmental Programs Manager, agreed to add a discussion of the current state of coastal canyons to the Potential Future Agenda List.

Future Agenda received and filed.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Marblehead Development – Water Quality Features**

Mike Niehan, RBF Consulting, narrated a slide presentation entitled "Marblehead Coastal Development Water Quality Features," which provided information concerning the urban runoff storage vaults, extended detention basins, and bioswales and CDS units proposed for the Marblehead Coastal Development, as well as detailed information on the structural and non-structural Best Management

Practices (BMP's) proposed. Additional slides provided information on first flush diversion, storm flows, and outlet and overflow structures. In response to questions from the Committee Members, Mr. Niehan described how the basin treats water; addressed the responsibilities of the habitat manager, indicated areas to be maintained by the City; advised the City has requested the Marblehead Coastal Homeowners Association to shoulder some of the maintenances burden; and listed the multi-level treatments proposed to ensure the best possible water quality as it flows from the site. He introduced Lisa Gordon, SunCal Project Manager, who is present and available to answer questions from the Committee Members.

Public Comment:

Bob Joseph, City resident, ascertained from Mr. Niehan that the open space areas will become part of an endowment that will remain open space in perpetuity, with a habitat manager to ensure its proper maintenance, City participation in maintenance, and City Manager review responsibilities. Ms. Gordon noted there would be many levels of review to ensure the original vision of the property.

Rick Wilson, Surfrider Foundation representative, established from Mr. Niehan that the project features a water reclamation program to treat and reuse captured water. In response to his concerns that new residents may over-water and plant non-native plant species, Ms. Gordon noted the site's location in the coastal zone results in California Coastal Commission (CCC) oversight, with their active participation in project planning, regulatory involvement, and anticipated detailed monitoring. Mr. Niehan indicated that the CCC provided guidance in developing the proposed plant palette, and anticipates intense regulation and oversight.

Committee Discussion:

In response to questions from Committee Members, Ms. Gordon advised that focus studies undertaken by SunCal indicate that the project's green, environmentally-friendly image will be an asset in home sales; and congratulated the City and involved residents on the recent passage of the Clean Ocean Fee Renewal.

Mr. Bonigut agreed to provide the Committee Members with copies of the landscaping guidelines for the site; and advised that a copy of the project's Water Management Plan is on file in his office for Committee Member review.

Committee Action: Oral presentation only – no action necessary.

B. Clean Ocean Fee Renewal Update

Tom Bonigut, Environmental Programs Manager, reviewed the polling results of the recent Clean Ocean Fee Renewal ballots, resulting in renewal of the Clean Ocean Fee. He thanked Committee Members for their efforts to gather support of the fee renewal.

Chair Hart commended the residents voting in favor of the renewal fee, at a vote of 75% in favor, and 25% opposed, for their willingness to tax themselves in order to preserve the ocean water quality.

Report received and filed.

C. Sewage Spill Response/Ocean Water Closure Process

Tom Bonigut, Environmental Programs Manager, reviewed the memo provided in response to a request from the Committee, which details the steps taken in response to a sewage spill and resulting ocean water closure process; and includes a copy of the Ocean Recreational Water Protection Program Guidance Document for the City of San Clemente, and Procedures Summary.

Chair Hart thanked staff for the information and requested it be posted onto the City's website for public review.

Report received and filed.

**7. COMMUNICATIONS**

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

A. Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes from September 11, 2007

Committee Member Maltinsky briefly reviewed the agenda items to be discussed at the Commission's next meeting.

B. Bacterial Monitoring Report Dated November 1, 2007

In response to a question concerning codes at their last meeting, Tom Bonigut, Environmental Programs Manager, noted the initials in the "LabCode" column of the report indicates which agency collected the sample.

C. September 2007 Project Surf Update

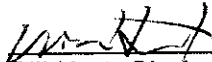
**8. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Committee Member Nielsen announced a bulky items collection, including e-waste, scheduled for December 1, 2007, from 8:00 a.m. to noon at Max Berg Park, and noted that volunteers would be gratefully welcomed; and invited all to attend the Watershed Task Force meeting scheduled for 5:30 p.m. this Tuesday evening at Community Services Conference Room A.


**9. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER SMITH, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER JORDON, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. to the regular meeting scheduled for December 13, 2007, 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