

MINUTES
CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE
COASTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, August 12, 2004 @ 7:00 p.m.
Community Center, Ole Hanson Fireside Room
100 N. Seville
San Clemente, CA 92672

1. CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

2. ROLL CALL

Present: William Hart, Nesa Ortega, Ken Nielsen, James Burror,
Kellie Albrecht, Chuck Hauswirth

Absent: Garrett Waters

Staff Present: Bill Humphreys, Marine Safety Chief
William E. Cameron, City Engineer
Eileen White, Recording Secretary

Others Present: Chris Webb, Moffatt & Nichol Engineers
Kathy Weldon, City of Encinitas

3. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND CHAIR PRO TEM

Committee Member Ortega nominated Committee Member Hart for Chair and Committee Member Hausworth seconded the nomination. Committee Member Hart was elected Chair on a unanimous vote.

Committee Member Ortega nominated Committee Member Nielsen for Chair pro tem and Committee Member Hauswirth seconded the nomination. Committee Member Nielsen was elected Chair pro tem on a unanimous vote.

Chair Hart welcomed new members Kellie Albrecht and Chuck Hauswirth. The new Committee Members introduced themselves and discussed personal information, employment history, and motivation for joining this Committee.

4. MINUTES

A. Minutes of the July 8, 2004, Regular Meeting

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER BURROR, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER ORTEGA, AND CARRIED 4-0-2 (WITH COMMITTEE MEMBERS ALBRECHT AND HAUSWIRTH ABSTAINING) to receive and file the minutes of the July 8, 2004, regular meeting as presented.

4. PUBLIC INPUT - None

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on Opportunistic Sand Permit

Chris Webb, Moffett and Nichol Engineering, updated the Committee on the status of the Opportunistic Replenishment Program project permits to date. He discussed the additional information provided to each of the agencies; provided the anticipated timeline for the hearing and/or approval date of each permit; and explained the bulk chemical testing process.

In response to questions, he speculated that Poche Beach was not included in the original sand replenishment site selections due to access and/or ownership issues. He noted that beaches could be added or deleted from the original list at staff's discretion; speculated that the CEQA document could be used as a starting point if it is determined that an environmental assessment is warranted; and advised that work could start as early as the first of November if all permits are granted as anticipated.

Report received and filed.

6. NEW BUSINESS - None

7. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes from July 13, 2004, received and filed.

B. Bacteriological Monitoring Report received and filed.

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Bill Cameron, City Engineer, updated the Committee on the status of the UV filtering system at Poche Beach. To date, the system has had problems with blockages and mechanical failures, which have compromised its efficiency. He discussed the problems associated with the scour pond at Poche Beach, the filtering system the City is currently developing, and difficulties in procuring State grants to fund programs.

Kathy Weldon, City of Encinitas, described the filtering system the City of Encinitas installed at the creek adjacent to Moonlight Beach. The system is similar to the one

installed at Poche Beach and includes baskets to filter large items and rocks to filter algae and smaller debris. She noted that the system requires constant maintenance and supervision in order to perform at an optimum level. She would like to establish a program similar to the City's Project Surf program and is considering a committee similar to this one for the City of Encinitas. She compared this Committee, which is organized and proactive, to the one the City of Encinitas used to have, which was disbanded when it became difficult to manage and contentious. She offered to provide the names and contact numbers of the competent engineering firms and contractors employed by the City to build the filtering system. In addition, she discussed the bird waste contamination that occurs as the treated water is transported from the water treatment plant to the ocean and temporary contamination conditions that can cause beach postings by County officials.

Mr. Cameron advised that staff currently attends meetings at the County level to network and trade information with other Cities. The meetings typically feature guest speakers and round table discussions of issues of importance to cities. Staff recently visited the cities of Anaheim and Newport Beach to review recently installed water quality improvement solutions.

Chair Hart commented that the City of San Clemente, although politically part of Orange County, is more closely related to San Diego County in terms of the physical challenges facing its beaches.

Mr. Cameron referred to the memo he wrote to address the issues concerning the Coastal Canyons & Bluff Management Plan brought up by this Committee at their last meeting. He noted that typically the white drainage pipes are required to be camouflaged by painting or screening; and that the scope of work of the study did not include feasibility costs of redirecting water to the street.

In response to a suggestion that from Committee Member Hauswirth that the Committee consider inviting Earthscape to make a presentation of the state of the art sprinkler system recently installed at Casa Romantica, Mr. Cameron noted that there are many new products on the market to control irrigation. He suggested that a forum or community expo featuring smart irrigation products would benefit the community at large. He noted the City has a water conservation officer and agreed to ask her to come to the Committee and discuss the new products on the market.

9. ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee Member Burror commended staff for the newly constructed stairs at Calafia Beach; and noted that smoking on the beach has been significantly reduced as a result of the beach smoking ban recently enacted by the City Council.

Committee Nielsen recently viewed and approves of the Project Surf advertisement at Kirkorian Theater and agreed a community forum regarding new smart irrigation methods might help educate the public at large. He announced that the Watershed Task

Force is considering monthly beach clean ups in conjunction with the City and the Surfrider Foundation.


In response to comments from Chair Hart, Bill Humphreys, Marine Safety Chief, discussed City policies regarding billing private organizations for the cost of additional City-provided services at larger events held in the City.

In response to a question from Committee Member Nielsen, Chief Humphreys updated the Committee on the progress of the Army Corps of Engineers Feasibility Project. He speculated that public workshops would be held shortly and the project would be presented for public hearings before the end of the year.

10. ADJOURNMENT

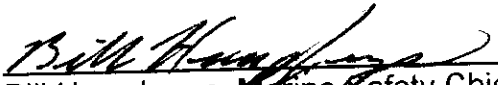
MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER HART, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER WATERS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. to the Coastal Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for September 9, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ole Hanson Room at the Community Center, 100 N. Seville, San Clemente, CA 92672.

Respectfully submitted,



William Hart, Chair

Attest:



Bill Humphreys, Marine Safety Chief