

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE
COASTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Thursday, May 8, 2003

@ 7:00 p.m.

**Community Center, Ole Hanson Fireside Room
100 N. Seville
San Clemente, CA 92672**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Committee Member Ortega led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Ken Nielsen, William Hart, Michael Barnes, Nesa Ortega, Peggy Vance,
Dennis Hannan

Absent: None

Staff present: Bill Cameron, City Engineer
Bill Humphreys, Marine Safety Captain
Mary Colletti, Recording Secretary

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER PEGGY VANCE, SECONDED BY
COMMITTEE MEMBER BARNES, CARRIED (5-0-1) to approve the minutes of
March 13, 2003 as amended (abstained: Ortega).

B. MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER BARNES, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE
MEMBER ORTEGA, CARRIED (4-0-2) to approve the minutes of April 10, 2003 as
amended (abstained: Hannan, Vance).

4. PUBLIC INPUT

None.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A.1 Draft Opportunistic Beach Sand Nourishment Policy

The Committee made revisions to the draft "Opportunistic Beach Sand Nourishment Policy". See the draft of this policy dated May 8, 2003 for the revisions.

A.2 Department of Beaches and Harbors Sand Renourishment Program

Captain Humphreys distributed a copy of the "Sand Renourishment Program" from Chris Webb of The County of Los Angeles for the Committee's reference in revising the CAC Draft Opportunistic Beach Sand Nourishment Policy.

6. NEW BUSINESS

None.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes, March 11, 2003

Received and filed.

B. Bacteriological Monitoring Report

Received and filed.

C. Street Sweeping Parking Prohibitions—Posting of Signage Required

Received and filed.

Chairman Hart stated that the City Council authorized a new street sweeping policy that took into account the concerns stated at the Coastal Advisory Committee meeting of February 13, 2003. Resident Arleen Ross thanked the Coastal Advisory Committee for hosting that meeting and thanked City staff for implementing a policy that responded to the concerns of the residents. Chairman Hart said the street sweeping will start at 9:00 a.m. and parking enforcement people will follow the sweeper. The program will begin July 1, 2003, and a second sweeper should be available starting August 1, 2003. Once we get the second sweeper, the sweeping will be done twice monthly throughout the City.

Chairman Hart congratulated the CAC for hosting the February 13, 2003 meeting in which the public discussed the issues of street sweeping.

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Replacement for Senior Civil Engineer Tom Bonigut/Bacteriological Testing

During the Public Input portion of this meeting, City Engineer Bill Cameron said the City has hired Ms. Brandi Outwin as a replacement for Senior Civil Engineer Tom Bonigut. He stated that Mr. Bonigut will phase out of his position in another month.

Mr. Cameron also stated that he'd received information from the Public Works Director, of the City of Laguna Niguel, in regard to bacteriological testing of their storm water drain discharge and that they had determined that the highest sources of bacteria were (in descending order):

- a. Cows
- b. Birds
- c. Dog
- d. Rabbit
- e. No human wastes were found

Mr. Cameron stated that some fertilizer he'd purchased contained cow manure, bird wastes and chicken feathers, and that most fertilizer had manure and contained warnings, but that he did find one type that was manure-free. He said Laguna Niguel had tested fertilizers and found that bulk fertilizer had more bacteria than bagged fertilizer.

Poche Beach Meeting

City Engineer Cameron stated that the County is hosting a Poche Beach meeting at the Shorecliffs Beach Club, at 5:30 p.m., on May 14, 2003. He said City staff has been meeting with County staff since the City has revised the design of the Water Quality Project at Poche Beach. He also stated that the City has agreed to contribute up to \$320,000 for a proposed low-flow, UV light system to kill bacteria at this site. He said the URMP budget for this project was approximately \$400,000, and that we have a federal grant commitment for \$300,000. Committee Member Nielsen asked if other systems will be done like the ones at Mariposa, and City Engineer Cameron said those would probably be vortex units, not anti-bacterial units. He said that the budget allows for 4 vortex systems to be designed, and built the following year. Committee Member Ortega asked if the Poche system is low-flow in the summer, and Mr. Cameron responded yes, and that the units will be placed in or above the channel and will handle the flow very well.

Junior Lifeguard Program

Chairman Hart asked Marine Safety Captain Humphreys if the Junior Lifeguard Program would be affected by impending budget cuts. Captain Humphreys said there is no projected budget impact, either for the Junior Lifeguard Program or for the rest of the Marine Safety operation.

9. ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee Member Vance stated that the Doheny Blues Festival needed volunteers for their event to be held on May 17th and 18th 2003. She also stated that new Ocean Festival T-shirts are now on sale. In addition, she said that the Ocean Festival is hosting a family dinner at San Clemente High School for high school students with Marine families away from home. It will be held this Tuesday, and they are looking for volunteers and donations.

Committee Member Nielsen said he'd like to invite Lawrence Homna to the next CAC meeting to contribute his expertise to the marine biology aspects of the Draft Opportunistic Beach Sand Nourishment Policy. The committee members agreed that they would like Committee Member Nielsen to invite Mr. Homna. Committee Member Nielsen also said that he called Jim Smith of the Regional Water Board, regarding the 303(d) list, and asked why all of San Clemente's sewer drain outlets are listed on the 303(d) list. Mr. Smith said he did not know why and could not say what types of tests were done. Mr. Nielsen said that the CAC or the City of San Clemente should find out why we are listed. Chairman Hart asked if the City's new water quality coastal engineer could look into this for us.

Committee Member Barnes asked if the new engineering staff member, Brandi Outwin, could be in charge of the Coastal Advisory Committee. Captain Humphreys said the issue of roles and responsibilities of the CAC will go before the City Council, in the next few months, and they may also discuss who should oversee the Coastal Advisory Committee.

Chairman Hart said the City Council adopted the Coastal Bluffs and Canyons Guidelines and will draw up a requirement for permits in order to add teeth to these guidelines. Chairman Hart paraphrased the Council's verbiage as "...for any structure or facility built on a coastal bluff or canyon, the resident must apply for permits and permits must comply with the policy...". He said that the City Council decided not to make this policy retroactive, and they asked staff to give them a report of drainpipes and other existing structures that may be causing erosion, and then address these issues in the future. City Engineer Cameron and Chairman Hart said that the City Council decided that all new developments must meet the guidelines, and that replacement or repair of nonconforming structures would have to be made to conform.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER ORTEGA, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER VANCE, CARRIED (6-0-0) to adjourn at 9:50 pm to the regular meeting to be held on Thursday, June 12, 2003, at 7:00 p.m., in the Ole Hanson Fireside Room, at the Community Center, 100 N. Seville, San Clemente, CA.

Respectfully submitted,



William Hart, Chair

Attest:



Bill Humphreys, Marine Safety Captain