

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

Thursday, February 9, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.
Community Center, Ole Hanson Fireside Room
100 N. Seville, San Clemente, CA 92672

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair McMains called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Committee Member Zidron led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Jorine Campopiano, Nicolas Gates, Brian Haskins, Joseph Zidron; Vice Chair Susan Ambrose, Chair John McMains

Absent: Michael Blackwell

Staff Present: Cynthia Mallett, Environmental Programs Supervisor
Eileen White, Recording Secretary

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the Regular Coastal Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting of January 12, 2017

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER ZIDRON, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER CAMPOPIANO, AND CARRIED 3-0-3, WITH COMMITTEE MEMBER HASKINS, COMMITTEE MEMBER GATES, AND CHAIR MCMAINS ABSTAINING, to approve the Minutes of the Regular CAC Meeting of January 12, 2017, as submitted.

5. PUBLIC INPUT

Sara Barnes, Gabriella Chadsey, Kyle Merrill and Ms. Lisa Kerr narrated a PowerPoint Presentation entitled, "San Clemente High School AP/IB Environmental Science Water Testing, dated February 9, 2017." The presentation featured a video overview and step by step summary of the water bacteria testing performed by San Clemente High School students in the AP/IB Environmental Science class taught by Ms. Kerr and financially supported with an Environmental Sustainability Grant recommended for approval by the CAC and awarded by the City Manager.

In response to a request from Vice Chair Ambrose that the students submit copies of their reporting/results to the CAC, Ms. Kerr suggested the students could compile the information, write reports, and submit results following testing; advised the students' results are posted on the Blue Water Task Force website run by the Surfrider Foundation.

Chair McMains advised the students to be aware of the differences between the terms "sewage" and "storm water runoff," as they are not interchangeable; suggested they consider observing and reporting "chain of custody" to ensure their data is defensible. He offered to provide forms to record chain of custody as well as additional resources and Ms. Kerr agreed to follow up; suggested that the students consider testing the water under the Pier and T-Street in the upcoming semester.

Glen Roy, resident, described the problems associated with the situation at the pier site where birds are nesting under the pier; suggested solutions including stainless steel netting, potential of bird bounties, wood blocks, nest removal, etc. The Committee Members thanked Mr. Roy from bringing the information forward and Chair McMains suggested Mr. Roy forward information to Randy Little, Maintenance Manager, who is collaborating with environmental programs to address pigeon issues at the pier.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Environmental Sustainability Grant Program

Cynthia Mallett, Environmental Programs Supervisor, summarized the staff report.

Chris Anderson, parent and volunteer at Las Palmas Elementary School, outlined their project; described how the grant funds would be spent; listed benefits to the students, families and community overall.

Comments/discussion included:

- Suggestion that Las Palmas Elementary School may have an opportunity to partner with the Ocean Institute.
- Suggestion that since Casa Romantica is a well established program with substantial reserves making it not meet the criteria for the grant, recommend not funding.
- Suggestion that the Committee recommend an additional \$500 in funds for the San Clemente High School program for water quality monitoring at additional sites.
- Expressed concern that increasing the amount for the High School to more than requested would not be allowable under grant guidelines and unsure if additional money is needed and how it would be spent.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER HASKINS, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR AMBROSE AND CARRIED 5-1-0, WITH COMMITTEE MEMBER CAMPOPIANO OPPOSED to recommend City Manager approval of Environmental Sustainability Grants as follows:

1. Clarence Lobo Elementary School in the amount of \$2,000.00
2. Las Palmas Elementary School in the amount of \$2,000.00
3. San Clemente High School AP Enviro Science Teachers in the amount of \$2,000.00. (\$1,500.00 requested plus \$500.00)
4. Watershed Task Force in the amount of \$2,000.00.

Original recommendation amended to decrease by \$500.00 the award recommended for the Casa Romantica program and increase by \$500.00 the award for the San Clemente High School AP class.

B. Bacteria TMDL Compliance Status

Cynthia Mallett, Environmental Programs Supervisor, updated the Committee on the status of the City's efforts toward achieving compliance with the Bacteria TMDL provisions listed in the MS4 permit and identifying the locations that will be considered priority for further actions during implementation of the approved Water Quality Improvement Plan (WQIP).

Ted VonBintner, Consultant, was also available for questions.

The Committee Members provided the following commentary:

- Established that Supervisor Mallett intends to promote both the hotline and the email address available for those wishing to report pollution.
- Requested Environmental Programs Supervisor Mallett track calls made on the hotline to determine if the amount increases following promotion of the hotline program.

Report received and filed.

C. Bacteria MST Pier Study

Supervisor Mallett summarized the staff report, an update on water quality in the Pacific Ocean Shoreline at the San Clemente Pier Beach segment. She is currently working with Randy Little, Maintenance Manager, to get details and cost estimates for the various types of preventative measures/bird deterrents available. She agreed to bring back project and result details to the Committee for further discussion.

Discussion included:

- Suggestion that staff consider testing small bird deterrent options to determine the best course of action going forward.
- Suggestion that staff consider installing cameras focused on problem areas to determine if strategies are working.
- Suggestion that staff consider a combination of strategies, have current City staff take care of easier installation jobs, and/or consider combining installing preventative measures with other projects, such as scheduled pier maintenance, to share costs.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Bacterial Monitoring Report dated February 1, 2017
- B. January 2017 Environmental Programs Updates

Comments included:

- Suggestion that staff consider passing out bio-bags for residents to collect food scraps/organics at City-sponsored events as their high cost may be a deterrent to organics recycling.
- Requested staff provide an update on the City's efforts to promote food waste collection; also discuss strategies to train/encourage the public to separate food waste from trash.
- Commended Supervisor Mallett for her efforts to design and publish creative, informative, and attention-grabbing advertising to encourage conservation and other sustainable behaviors.

Agenda items 7A & 7B received and filed.

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF

- A. Potential Future Agenda Items

Supervisor Mallett reviewed the status of Potential Future Agenda Items and requested the Committee Members provide input.

Committee Members added "Discussion of CAC Members' Ideas Regarding Social Media Policy" to the March agenda; "City of Laguna Beach Presentation" to the May agenda.

9. ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Vice Chair Ambrose requested staff research and report back regarding shuttling opportunities for Earth Day; encouraged all to participate in Earth Day festivities at the Pier on April 22, 2017, as their schedules allow; recommended reading an

article in the San Clemente Times regarding the road conditions at San Clemente State Beach.

Supervisor Mallett encouraged the Committee Members to continue forwarding their ideas regarding Social Media Policy and have them to her by the end of February if possible; requested the Committee Members email her if they are not going to attend a regular meeting as it's important to know in advance of the meeting whether there will be a quorum.

10. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER CAMPOPIANO, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER GATES, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED to adjourn at 8:58 p.m. to the Regular CAC Meeting to be held on Thursday, March 9, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ole Hanson Fireside Room, San Clemente Community Center, 100 N. Seville, San Clemente, CA 92672.

Respectfully submitted,



John McMains, Chair

Attest:



Cynthia Mallett, Environmental Programs Supervisor