

City of Newport Beach

Coastal/Bay Water Quality Citizens Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: July 8, 2010

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location: Fire Conference Room

1. Welcome/Self Introductions

Committee Members present:

Chairwoman/Council Member Nancy Gardner

Dennis Baker

George Drayton

Tom Houston

Roberta Jorgensen

Randy Seton

Guests present:

Stephanie Barger, Earth Resource Foundation

Eric Chevalier, Zero Trash Newport

Dr. Garrett Downes, Resident (Zero Trash friend)

Darrel Ferguson, Surfrider, Newport Beach Chapter

Lt. Mark Long, Orange County Sheriff Harbor Patrol

Monica Mazur, Newport Beach Resident

Jack and Nancy Skinner, SPON

Mark Sites, Newport Beach Resident

Candace Wells, Earth Resource Foundation

Matthew Favis, Earth Resource Foundation

Jim Weisenbach Surterre Properties (Zero Trash friend)

Staff present:

John Kappeler, Code and Water Quality Division Manager

Bob Stein, Assistant City Engineer

Iris Lee, Senior Civil Engineer

Shannon Levin, Harbor Resources Supervisor

Shirley Oborny, Administrative Assistant

2. Approval of Previous Meeting's

The minutes from the May 13, 2010, meeting were approved.

3. Old Business

(a) Bay and Ocean Bacteriological Test Results

Monica Mazur reviewed the latest bacti reports. John talked about a recent IRWD sewage spill at Newport Coast and Ridge Park Rd.

4. New Business

(a) Zero Trash Coalition Partners

Ms. Barger gave a PowerPoint Presentation (attached). She talked about the Adopt-A-Beach Program and its Re-Kickoff event on Sept. 25, 2010. Mr. Eric Chevalier talked about the Zero Trash Newport program which launched on October 8, 2009. He said their purpose for attending the meeting today is to find out how Zero Trash can get help with providing public trash receptacles, ashtrays and expanding the program throughout the City.

In response to Chairwoman Gardner, Mr. Chevalier said he could provide a list of locations where he thinks the receptacles would be beneficial.

Mr. Houston suggested Mr. Chevalier attend one of the monthly Balboa Island BID meetings. Mr. Baker suggested he talk to some of the restaurant owners near Coast Hwy and Carnation to see if they could provide cigarette butt receptacles. He's noticed an increase of smokers in the parking lots, etc. Chairwoman Gardner mentioned the Restaurant BID as well. The committee also suggested about looking for grant money to pay for the cigarette receptacles.

Mr. Ferguson talked about Surfrider's beach cleanups and mentioned that their needs to be more signage. Mr. Kappeler offered to help get a "don't litter" message put on the two LCD information screens located at the Newport Pier and Corona del Mar State Beach. Mr. Ferguson also suggested trash bags and gloves be available at lifeguard guard stations.

Ms. Barger also mentioned the hotline to report cigarette butt flickers (877) 211-2888 (BUTT). The CHP will send an educational warning letter.

Mr. Sites suggested having a billboard sign along the 55 Freeway that reminds beachgoers to pick up their trash.

(b) Harbor Resources / Harbor Patrol

Lt. Long explained that the County of Orange decided to increase the cost for mooring administration. The City of Newport Beach put out an RFP and the Orange County Harbor Patrol participated in the process. As a result, the Harbor Patrol will continue to monitor the moorings but they will now participate more in the water quality aspect. They will institute a dye tab program for anybody coming in for transient moorings and also periodically check live aboards. Lt. Long said anything that has to do with code enforcement on the water will be enforced by the Harbor Patrol. He's pleased with the new line of communication between the Harbor Patrol and Harbor Resources.

Discussion ensued regarding party boat noise, dinghy congestion at public docks and Harbor Patrol's use of their water canon to deal with sea lions.

Mr. Kappeler said he would forward Lt. Long clean boating information so the Harbor Patrol is clear about what violators can be cited for.

Chairwoman Gardner suggested the Harbor Patrol and Harbor Resources could educate the public about some of the issues just discussed at City Council Study Session.

(c) Buck Gully Restoration Project

Ms. Lee used a PowerPoint Presentation (attached) as she updated the committee on the proposed improvements, construction, funding sources, permits, scheduling, etc. She explained that the City is doing this improvement voluntarily. She talked about a temporary access road being built.

In response to Mr. Skinner, Ms. Lee said the main component of the project is for erosion control.

Chairwoman Gardner asked what kind of water testing would be done. Mr. Stein said monitoring upstream and downstream is required as part of the grant from the State Water Resources Control Board. Bacteria will be the main focus for the water quality.

5. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Ms. Mazur said she read an article that talked about disposing meds safely. The National Community Pharmacy Association launched a “Dispose My Meds” campaign. Their website will let you know which pharmacy is participating. Unfortunately, Ms. Mazur said there was only one within a 10-mile radius of her residence.

6. Topics for Future Agendas

(a) Update on the Integrated Watershed Planning Efforts

(b) Bacteriological Dry-Weather Runoff Gutter Study (Phase III)

(c) NBTV – Waterwise

(d) OCTA Measure M

(e) Coastal Dolphin Research Program

(f) Big Canyon Reservoir Tour

(g) Regional General Dredging Permit (RGP)

(h) Water Supply and Conversation

7. Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was set for August 12, 2010, at the Big Canyon Reservoir.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.