

City of Newport Beach

Water Quality/Coastal Tidelands Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: May 4, 2017

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location: Crystal Cove Conference Room, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660

Meeting Minutes prepared by: Raymund Reyes

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m. by Vice Chair Jeff Herdman

2. Welcome/Self Introductions

Committee Members present:

Councilmember Jeff Herdman, Vice Chair
Lou Denger
Tom Houston
Dennis Baker
Fred Galluccio

Committee Members Absent:

Councilmember Brad Avery, Chair
George Robertson
Carl Cassidy
Erin Delman

Guests present:

Soiyin Ip, Sierra Club
Nancy Gardner, Orange Coast River Park
Billy Dutton, Help Your Harbor
Darryl Ferguson, Help Your Harbor

Staff present:

Hazel McIntosh, Student Aide
Raymund Reyes, Management Specialist
John Kappeler, Senior Engineer
George Murdoch, Municipal Operations Director
Dave Kiff, City Manager
Mark Vukojevic, Deputy Public Works Director

The agenda for the Water Quality/Coastal Tidelands Committee was posted at 1:06 p.m. on May 1, 2017, in the binder located in the entrance of the Council Chambers at 100 Civic Center Drive.

3. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Nancy Gardner commented on fact that the Committee was an active committee which pushed forward on water quality issues. **Soiyin Ip** of the Sierra Club thanked the Committee for sponsoring their documentary film presentation at the Library, but wanted to ask for more advertisement.

4. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

A motion to approve the April 6, 2017 minutes was made by Dennis Baker. Tom Houston seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

5. Current Business

(a) Proposed Cancellation of the August Meeting

Fred Galluccio asked the Committee to take into consideration the summer schedule and made a motion to cancel the August meeting. As there was no second, the motion failed.

(b) 2017 Committee Goals

Mark Vukojevic and **John Kappeler** led a discussion on a list of committee goals, compiled from each Committee Member's top five items. **Mark Vukojevic** indicated that certain goals seemed to fall into broad categories, such as trash reduction or harbor waste. **Dennis Baker** suggested an outline format for the list, with individual projects as goals and/or action items under primary categories. The Committee continued the discussion while establishing the outline. **Jeff Herdman** inquired about establishing quantitative costs for each project. **Nancy Gardner** noted that **Dave Kiff** and **John Kappeler** were a big part of the creation of prior lists and spreadsheets. The committee continued discussion on the various projects, both current and in concept, and attempted to fit each into their respective major category. **Tom Houston** commented that many of these items did not have a real termination date, but were continuous activities. **Jeff Herdman** asked that Big Canyon be updated to outline future year projects. **Dennis Baker** noted that the Committee should distinguish between goals and objectives, and **Fred Galluccio** asked why the Committee was seemingly just moving around goals. **Jeff Herdman** noted that the committee was categorizing projects with timelines and quantitative cost figures in order to create a working document that the City and Committee could use moving forward. **Tom Houston** provided comments on the dredging process as it pertained to runoff. **Dave Kiff** noted that he was working with Dave Webb and Chris Miller on ways to further improve the dredging process.

(c) Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Tier 1 Grant Proposal

John Kappeler led a discussion on the Polaris Drive Trash Mitigation Project and the possibility of grant funding opportunities through OCTA. The project was described as a trash diversion structure concept placed under Polaris Drive, and would help mitigate the trash drainage issues identified on the street. **Mr. Kappeler** asked the Committee for support of the project; Tom Houston made a motion to support the project, with Dennis Baker seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Action: The Committee offers its support of the proposed Polaris Drive Trash Mitigation Project and the pursuit of OCTA grant funding opportunities.

6. Old Business

(a) Bay and Ocean Bacteriological Test Results

John Kappeler reviewed the test results, noting that while some minor exceedances were present, follow-up samples were clean. A short discussion took place on sampling procedures and methods and the accuracy of results depending on how samples are taken.

7. Committee Announcements or Matters Which Members would like Placed on a Future Agenda for Discussion, Action or Report

John Kappeler mentioned that UCI Oceans might be attending the June meeting. **Mark Vukojevic** and **Bob Stein** made comments on the executive summary for Newport Bay Watershed Selenium Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL.)

8. Public Comments On Non-Agenda Items

None.

9. Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date was set for Thursday, June 1, 2017 at 3:00 pm in the Crystal Cove Conference Room, located at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

10. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made. The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Vice Chair / Jeff Herdman