

Hillside Open Space Education Coalition Steering Committee

MINUTES

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

City of Whittier, Council Chamber, 13230 Penn Street, Whittier, CA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Committee Members Present

John Beaman, Council Member, Brea (alternate)
Russ Bell, Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Committee
Bruce Douglas, Council Member, La Habra Heights
Rose Espinoza, Council Member, La Habra (alternate)
Bob Henderson, Council Member, Whittier
Owen Newcomer, Mayor, Whittier (alternate)
Mike Popovec, Rowland Heights Community Association (alternate)
Jeff Yann, Hacienda Heights Community Coordinating Committee

Committee Members Absent

Michael Hughes
Steve Simonian, Council Member, La Habra

Consultants

Dan Wooldridge, Waters and Fauble

Staff

Stephen W. Helvey, City Manager, Whittier
John Hendrickson, City Manager La Habra Heights
Charlie View, Development Services Director, Brea
Kathryn A. Marshall, City Clerk-Treasurer, Whittier

2. Matters From the Audience: None

3. Approve October 13, 2004 Minutes

The minutes of the October 13, 2004 meeting were approved as corrected to reflect that Bruce Douglas, Michael Hughes, Steve Simonian, and Mike Popovec were present.

4. Receive and File Final Quarter 2004 Budget Report

It was moved by Mr. Beauman, seconded by Ms. Espinoza and carried unanimously to receive and file the Final Quarter 2004 Budget Report.

Mr. View reviewed the \$3,000 monthly cap on expenditures by the Executive Committee.

5. Receive and File 2005 Steering Committee Meeting Schedule

The Steering Committee Meeting Schedule was approved as follows:

April 20, 2005 – La Habra

June 8, 2005 – La Habra Heights

August 10, 2005 – Hacienda Heights

October 12, 2005 – Rowland Heights

December 14, 2005 - Brea

6. Consider Affiliate Membership Applications

It was moved by Mr. Yann, seconded by Mr. Bell and carried unanimously to adopt Affiliate Member Resolutions: Resolution 2005-1 Hills for Everyone; Resolution 2005-2 Endangered Habitats League; and Resolution 2005-3 Puente-Chino Hills Task Force.

7. Receive and File Report On Colima Road Traffic Study

Mr. Popovec reported on the Colima Road Traffic Study completed by Cal Poly Pomona students.

8. Receive and File Report from Waters & Faubel

Mr. Wooldridge reported on his firm's activities relating to soliciting affiliate members, developing the website, and organizing the HOSEC library. He recommended members seek volunteer photographers to photograph the area in and around the proposed Aera development.

It was moved by Mr. Beauman, seconded by Mr. Yann and carried unanimously to receive and file the report.

Valerie Wheeler, Pomona Valley Audubon Society, said her organization received an invitation to consider affiliate membership and she would be reporting back to her Board on the Committee's activities.

9. Member Comments

Mr. Beauman said when people ask why funds have been pooled to tell people what they already know about open space preservation he tells them it is for empowerment. He

suggested discussion be held at the next meeting about including the term “empowerment” on the website.

Mr. Douglas requested an update on Brea’s litigation on the Lower Tonner Canyon purchase.

Mr. View reported the matter is not proceeding favorably for Brea at this time.

Chair Henderson reported Aera was invited to attend this meeting to present their revised plans but they were unable to attend. He said they may attend the next meeting and to date have not filed any plans with the County for review. He provided an update on construction of the underpass at Harbor Boulevard that is expected to go out to bid by April.

Mr. View announced the April agenda would include election of the chair and vice chair, discussion of the term empowerment and a presentation by Aera.

10. Adjournment

Chair Henderson adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.