

Hillside Open Space Education Coalition Steering Committee Organizational Meeting MINUTES

Wednesday, February 11, 2004
7:00 p.m.

Community Rooms A & B, Civic & Cultural Center, 1 Civic Center Circle, Brea, CA

1. Introductions

Committee Members

- Bruce Douglas, Councilmember, La Habra Heights
- Rose Espinoza, Councilmember, La Habra
- Greg Nordbak, Councilmember, Whittier
- Bob Henderson, Councilmember, Whittier
- Mike Popovec, Rowland Heights Community Association
- John Beauman, Mayor, Brea

Consultants

- Kimberly Barlow, Jones & Mayer
- Roger Faubel, Waters & Faubel
- Dan Wooldridge, Waters & Faubel

Staff

- John Hendrickson, City Manager, La Habra Heights
- Jennifer Cervantez, Assistant to the City Manager, La Habra
- Steve Helvey, City Manager, Whittier
- Terry Matz, Assistant City Manager, Brea
- Charlie View, Development Services Director, Brea
- Cindie Ryan, Communications & Marketing Manager, Brea
- Melinda Kwan, Management Analyst II, Brea
- Lucinda Williams, Deputy City Clerk, Brea

2. Matters From the Audience

Three people spoke during Matters from the Audience.

Deputy City Clerk Williams read one communication into the record.

3. Review Staff Report

Staff reviewed the staff report with the Coalition.

4. Discuss Brown Act Guidelines for Meetings

Kimberly Barlow, Jones & Mayer, reviewed the Brown Act and rules of meeting procedure with the Coalition.

5. Select Organizational Option for Steering Committee

M / S Henderson / Douglas to select Organizational Option 1 from the Staff Report. Motion passed 5:1 (Committee Member Nordbak voting against the motion.)

Option 1 allows one voting member from each City and Association and one non-voting alternate member (6 total voting members). The alternate member may vote in the absence of the designated voting member.

6. Select Official Name for Organization

M / S Nordbak / Espinoza to officially name the coalition as the "*Hillside Open Space Education Coalition Steering Committee*". Motion unanimously passed 6:0.

7. Committee Member Reports

Committee Member Espinoza said she is glad to have this open forum. She would like to see the hills as open as possible, but also understands that children need space to live.

Committee Member Nordbak shared a letter he sent to Aera.

Committee Member Henderson reinforced that this steering committee should focus on policy decisions and let the executive committee focus on implementation of the education program. He cautioned both committees to be wary of working at cross purposes. He suggested discussing this issue further as soon as possible.

Committee Member Henderson thought the coalition would need an appraisal of the Aera property and suggested creating a subcommittee to discuss the issue with Aera.

Committee Member Henderson suggested waiting to implement any direct mailing campaigns until the release of the Aera Environmental Impact Report.

Committee Member Henderson suggested that this steering committee approve expenditures of coalition funds.

Committee Member Beauman recommended that the alternate members remain active with this group.

Committee Member Henderson suggested that the Committee adopt a budget and make decisions about the steering committee. He suggested that the Committee hold another meeting as soon as possible.

8. Adjournment

The City of Whittier will host the next meeting on Wednesday, February 25, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

M / S Henderson / Popovec to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Motion unanimously passed 6:0.