

Hillside Open Space Education Coalition Steering Committee MINUTES

Wednesday, April 14, 2004
7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, 201 East La Habra Boulevard, La Habra, Ca

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Committee Members Present

- Bruce Douglas, Councilmember, La Habra Heights
- Rose Espinoza, Councilmember, La Habra (alternate)
- Owen Newcomer, Councilmember, Whittier (alternate)
- Bob Henderson, Councilmember, Whittier
- Mike Popovec, Rowland Heights Community Association (alternate)
- John Beaman, Mayor, Brea (alternate)

Committee Members Absent

Bev Perry, Council Member, Brea

Russ Bell, Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Committee

Consultants

- Roger Faubel, Waters & Faubel
- Dan Wooldridge, Waters & Faubel

Staff

- John Hendrickson, City Manager, La Habra Heights
- Steve Helvey, City Manager, Whittier
- Tim O' Donnell City Manager, Brea
- Brad Bridenbecker, City Manager, La Habra
- Charlie View, Development Services Director, Brea
- Cindie Ryan, Communications & Marketing Manager, Brea

2. Matters From the Audience

No speakers

3. Approve February 25, 2004 Minutes

It was moved by Committee Member Espinoza and seconded by Committee Member Douglas and carried 5:0 to approve the minutes of February 25, 2004.

4. Affiliate and Associate Memberships

Charles View provided a report outlining the concept of creating support for HOSEC through Affiliate and Associate memberships. Committee members discussed the concept and the advantage to involving more people in the HOSEC mission.

It was moved by Committee Member Beauman and seconded by Committee Member Espinoza and carried 5:0 to approve establishment of Affiliate and Associate Memberships as outlined in the staff report.

5. Acquisition and Funding Advocacy Subcommittee

Charles View provided a report on the merits of expanding the responsibilities of the Acquisition Ad Hoc Subcommittee to include funding advocacy as the same information and resources would be necessary to carry out both tasks.

It was moved by Committee Member Beauman and seconded by Committee Member Douglas and carried 5:0 to approve expansion and renaming of the Aera Acquisition Ad Hoc Subcommittee to the Acquisition and Funding Ad Hoc Subcommittee as outlined in the staff report.

6. Scientific Data Collection

Charles View provided a report on the proposal to develop a collection of open space and habitat related materials to be held at the offices of HOSEC consultants Waters and Faubel. Copies of the bibliography of available information would be provided to all Steering Committee members and others who requested copies. Chair Henderson indicated that the City of Whittier would also retain a mirror set of materials at their offices.

It was moved by Committee Member Espinoza and seconded by Committee Member Beauman and carried 5:0 to approve establishment of the HOSEC data library and bibliography as outlined in the staff report.

7. Report from Waters and Faubel

Senior Vice President Dan Wooldridge of Waters and Faubel outlined their activities in support of HOSEC since the meeting in February. Highlights included development of the HOSEC logo, letterhead and refinement of the mission statement. Other activities included research of related topics and support of staff in preparing various reports. Mr. Wooldridge indicated that a draft schedule of outreach activities would be presented to the Steering committee at the June meeting.

8. Report from Executive Committee

Charles View provided a report that all four City Managers had signed the Letter of Agreement for managing HOSEC funds. Communication with the Chair and Vice Chair

would be through their respective City Managers, meetings of the Executive Committee with the Chair and Vice Chair would be scheduled as needed.

9. Report from Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Chair Henderson reported that the subcommittee had met with Aera representatives to discuss possible purchase of their development site. Mr. Henderson reported that Aera maintains that their proposed project represents a balanced and reasonable approach. Their purchasing options discussion was positive and open.

10. Mission Statement

The Steering Committee was presented the revised mission statement language for consideration.

It was moved by Committee Member Beauman and seconded by Committee Member Douglas and carried 5:0 to approve the revised mission statement language.

11. Meeting Location Schedule

The schedule of Steering Committee meetings was presented for review. Committee Member Popovec noted that Rowland Heights had been excluded from the meeting rotation. Staff person View acknowledged this was an error and suggested the item be considered at the next meeting with corrections to include Rowland Heights in the schedule.

12. Confirmation of June Meeting Location

Chair Henderson confirmed that the next HOSEC Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2004 in the City of La Habra Heights.

13. Member Reports

Chair Henderson announced that May 12 will be the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Program.

Committee member Beauman requested an update on the schedule of actions and distribution of HOSEC community outreach materials. Chair Henderson indicated his understanding that these topics would be covered at the next meeting by representatives of Waters and Faubel.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.