

Hillside Open Space Education Coalition Steering Committee

MINUTES

Wednesday, April 20, 2005

City of Brea, Community Room A, Level 2, 1 Civic Center Circle, Brea, CA

STUDY SESSION

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

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

Committee Members Present

John Beauman, Council Member, Brea (alternate)
Russ Bell, Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council (alternate)
Bruce Douglas, Council Member, La Habra Heights
Bob Henderson, Council Member, Whittier
Owen Newcomer, Mayor, Whittier (alternate)
Jeff Yann, Hacienda Heights Improvement Association

Committee Members Absent

Rose Espinoza, Council Member, La Habra (alternate)
Michael Hughes
Mike Popovec, Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council
Steve Simonian, Council Member, La Habra

Consultants

Dan Wooldridge, Faubel Public Affairs

Staff

Stephen W. Helvey, City Manager, Whittier
Tim O'Donnell, City Manager, Brea
Jennifer Cervantes, Assistant to the City Manager, La Habra
Charlie View, Development Services Director, Brea
Cindie Ryan, Communication and Marketing Manager
Melinda Kwan, Management Analyst II

2. Matters From the Audience

None

3. Aera Project Update

George Basye with Aera and Less Card with LSA Associates made a presentation to the Steering Committee on the proposed project.

GENERAL SESSION

1. Approve February 9, 2005 Minutes

The minutes of the February 9, 2005 meeting were approved as corrected to reflect the change from Mayor to Council Member for John Beauman.

2. Election of Chair / Vice-Chair

Jeff Yann moved, seconded by Russ Bell, to nominate Bob Henderson for Chair. Motion unanimously passed.

Jeff Yann moved, seconded by John Henderson, to nominate Bruce Douglas for Vice-Chair. Motion unanimously passed.

3. Letter of Support for National Park Service Study

The Steering Committee directed staff to prepare a letter of support for the National Park Service San Gabriel Watershed and Mountains Special Resource Study for the Chair's signature.

4. Use of empowerment in HOSEC Publications

Mr. Beauman requested Steering Committee endorsement of the use of the term empowerment in future communications from HOSEC to allow for better understanding of the focus of the group. Education about the options available to enhance preservation of open space will lead to empowerment of those who have already expressed their support for the acquisition and preservation of the hillsides. Chair Henderson moved, seconded by Owen Newcomer, to use empowerment in publications and website. Motion unanimously passed.

5. Consider Affiliate Membership Applications

Jeff Yann moved, seconded by Russ Bell to adopt the following Affiliate Member Resolutions: Whittier Audubon Society, Pomona Valley Audubon and Assemblyman Ron Calderon, 58th District. Motion unanimously passed.

6. Report from Waters & Faubel

Dan Wooldridge unveiled the HOSEC website, noting that this is the first phase of the website. The Committee made corrections to the website content. Mr. Wooldridge will send press releases regarding the website to each City.

7. Member Comments

Bruce Douglas informed the group that the candidate in support of HOSEC was recently elected to the La Habra Heights City Council.

Russ Bell commended Dan Wooldridge, Cindie Ryan and Ray Drlik on the excellent job they did on the HOSEC website.

8. Adjournment

Chair Henderson adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.