

Hillside Open Space Education Coalition Steering Committee

MINUTES

Wednesday, May 9, 2007
7:00 p.m.

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

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**

Chair Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

Committee Members Present

Bob Henderson, Council Member, Whittier
Owen Newcomer, Mayor, Whittier (alternate)
Ron Garcia, Council Member, Brea (alternate)
Steve Simonian, Council Member, La Habra
Layne Baroldi, Council Member, La Habra Heights
Tela Millsap, Council Member, La Habra Heights, (alternate)
Jeff Yann, Hacienda Heights Improvement Association
Mike Hughes, Hacienda Heights Improvement Association (alternate)
Russ Bell, Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council
Mike Popovec, Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council

Committee Members Absent

John Beauman, Council Member, Brea
Rose Espinoza, Council Member, La Habra (alternate)

Staff

Tim O'Donnell, City Manager, Brea
Charles View, Development Services Director, Brea
Eric Nicoll, Economic Development Director, Brea
Cindie Ryan, Marketing & Communications Manager, Brea
Pam Oborn, Economic Development Executive Assistant, Brea
Don Hannah, City Manager, La Habra
Ron Bates, City Manager, La Habra Heights
Stephen W. Helvey, City Manager, Whittier

2. **Introduction Layne Baroldi (Voting Member) and Tela Milsap (Alternate) Council Members, La Habra Heights**

Chair Henderson introduced Mr. Baroldi and Ms. Milsap to the Committee and Staff. Mr. Baroldi was recently elected to the La Habra Heights City Council and Ms. Millsap has been a Council Member since 2001. They are replacing former Committee Members Douglas (Vice Chair) and Kline (Alternate) both from La Habra Heights.

3. Matters From the Audience:

None

4. Election of Vice Chair to Replace Bruce Douglas, Council Member La Habra Heights

Committee Member Garcia (Alternate) nominated Committee Member Beauman as the new Vice Chair, seconded by Committee Member Bell. Motion unanimously passed.

5. Approve January 10, 2007 Minutes

The Committee unanimously approved the minutes as submitted.

6. Sammarco Professional Services Agreement

Eric Nicoll briefed the Committee on the PA selection process. Cindie Ryan sent out Letters of Intent to several groups. As a result of this she received two proposals from Mary Graybill, Graybill Communications and Stephen Sammarco, AMAC. AMAC was selected primarily due to their strong campaign work they had previously done for Diamond Bar. Mr. Sammarco's fee is \$60.00 per hr, no retainer. Mr. Nicoll requested action to enter into a contract/agreement for the project with a \$25,000. maximum. Committee Member Garcia motioned, seconded by Committee Member Bell. Motion unanimously passed.

7. Development Update

Charles View provided an updated on the Pepper Tree Hills Project with 795 homes planned. Staff is working with the County of Orange, Shea Homes and Standard Pacific. As part of the project the City of Brea is also working with the County on open space preservation.

Mr. View also provided a handout and update on the AERA West Project. The City of Diamond Bar issued a Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the AERA Energy Master Planned Community. The NOP provides an overview of the anticipated processing for the project as well as an updated project description. The NOP covers project processing, proposed uses, access, phasing and site grading. Mr. View reported that the counties of Orange and Los Angeles have designated the City of Diamond Bar as the lead agency for processing the EIR even though property is not in the Sphere of Influence (SOI) in either county. Mr. View is attending the Scoping Meeting on Wednesday May 16, 2007 at the Diamond Bar Center. HOSEC/Brea staff will attend this meeting and also provide written comments to the City of Diamond Bar regarding the scope of the EIR. Written comments on the May 16th meeting will be provided to the Committee by Mr. View.

8. Acquisition and Funding Ad Hoc Subcommittee

There is a need for a formation of a sub-committee to continue working on a funding mechanism. It was suggested that Chair Henderson and Vice Chair Beauman be appointed to work on potential funding sources and mechanisms and to keep the Committee informed. Chair Henderson said there are available funds with the recent passing of Prop M and Prop 84. We need to continue to find other sources. He will also provide information on Measure M to the Committee at the next meeting. Motion made to elect Chair Henderson and Vice Chair Beauman to the sub-committee. Seconded by Committee Member Bell. Motion unanimously passed.

9. Budget Update

Eric Nicoll provided the budget update on earning and expenditures. Going forward funds will decrease due to the PR campaign.

10. Member Comments

Mr. Nicoll said an updated membership application form for new Affiliates and Associates is in the final stages of being posted on the HOSEC website. A thank you to Cindie Ryan and staff for developing this new form.

Chair Henderson provided background information on the current Affiliate and Associates.

11. Adjournment

Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.