

Hillside Open Space Education Coalition
Steering Committee

MINUTES

Wednesday, July 19, 2006
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 7:02 p.m.

Committee Members Present

Bob Henderson, Council Member, Whittier
Steve Simonian, Council Member, La Habra
John Beauman, Council Member, Brea
Bruce Douglas, Council Member, La Habra Heights
Owen Newcomer, Mayor, Whittier (alternate)

Committee Members Absent

Mike Hughes, Hacienda Heights Improvement Association (alternate)
Russ Bell, Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council (alternate)
Mike Popovec, Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council
Fred Kline, La Habra Heights Council Member (alternate)
Rose Espinoza, Council Member, La Habra (alternate)

Staff

Stephen W. Helvey, City Manager, Whittier
Cindie Ryan, Communication & Marketing Manager, Brea
Melinda Kwan, Senior Management Analyst, Brea

2. Matters From the Audience:

Claire Schlotterbeck informed the Committee that \$243.5 million is included in the renewal of Measure M for acquisition of open space. She mentioned that 24 Environmental Groups have signed on to support this Measure.

Chairman Henderson made a motion to walk-on an item for discussion.
Seconded by Beauman. Motion unanimously passed.

3. Approve January 18, 2006 Minutes

The Committee approved the January 18, 2006 minutes. Committee Member Simonian moved, seconded by Committee Member Owen. Motion unanimously passed. Committee Member Beauman noticed an error on the January 8, 2006 minutes. The date should be January 18, 2006. Amend minutes to reflect the correct meeting date.

4. Consider Affiliate Membership Application

Committee Member Owen moved, seconded by Committee Member Beauman to adopt the following Affiliate Member Resolutions:

- Friends of the Whittier Hills Association

Motion unanimously passed.

5. Adopt Resolution Identifying Date, Time and Location for Regular Steering Committee Meetings

Committee Member Simonian moved, seconded by Committee Member Beauman. Motion unanimously passed.

6. Affiliate/Associate Membership

Chairman recommended that the renewal fee be waived, but that the initial membership fee should be paid. Committee Member Beauman moved, seconded by Committee Member Yann. Motion unanimously passed. Committee Member Simonian suggested that perhaps that the Committee should re-consider renewal fees when HOSEC becomes more active. Chairman Henderson states that since the fee is so minimal, it would not have a large impact. All were in favor of waiving the renewal fee.

7. HOSEC Website Update

Cindie Ryan presented a new section in the HOSEC website. The new section called WebNews. WebNews launched with the latest report on SEATAC and the Aera project. WebNews will be updated with items related to the HOSEC mission as warranted. Committee Member Newcomer suggested the articles be broken down to sub-categories. Chairman Henderson requested that additional pictures be added. Mr. Helvey brought up the question about releasing new articles on the web. He suggested that new articles be emailed to the Executive Committee and the Chairman for review and approval before putting them on the website. Committee Member Beauman moved, seconded by Simonian. Motion unanimously passed.

8. Financial Report

Melinda Kwan provided the Committee with an update on the revenues and expenditures for the Year Ending June 30, 2006. Committee Member Beauman moved, seconded by Committee Member Simonian. Motion unanimously passed.

9. Update on Wildlife Undercrossing at Harbor Boulevard

Chairman Henderson provided an update on the wildlife undercrossing at Harbor Boulevard. This is the first wildlife underpass in Los Angeles County. Chairman Henderson shared pictures with the committee members showing that deer and coyotes have already learned to use the underpass.

10. Update of SEATAC Rejection of Aera's Development Plan

Chairman Henderson commented that at the last SEATAC meeting, the Aera plan was rejected because it did not meet the criteria and was too fragmented. SEATAC requested AERA to re-design the project. Chairman Henderson mentioned that a Bond Act for acquisitions may be forthcoming.

11. Member Comments

None

13. Adjournment

Chair Henderson adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.