

Hillside Open Space Education Coalition Steering Committee

MINUTES

Wednesday, October 13, 2004
7:00 p.m.

City of Brea, Council Chambers, Plaza Level, 1 Civic Center Circle, Brea, CA

1. Associate / Affiliate Member Introductions

Committee Members Present

Russ Bell, Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Committee
Bob Henderson, Council Member, Whittier
John Beauman, Mayor, Brea (alternate)

Committee Members Absent

Bruce Douglas, Councilmember, La Habra Heights
Michael Huges
Steve Simonian, Council Member, La Habra
Owen Newcomer, Council Member, Whittier (alternate)
Rose Espinoza, Council Member, La Habra (alternate)
Mike Popovec, Rowland Heights Community Association (alternate)
Bev Perry, Council Member, Brea
Jeff Yann, Hacienda Heights Community Coordinating Committee

Consultants

Dan Wooldridge, Waters and Faubel

Staff

Steve Helvey, City Manager, Whittier
Brad Bridenbecker, City Manager, La Habra
Tim O'Donnell, City Manager, Brea
Lucinda Williams, Deputy City Clerk, Brea

2. Matters From the Audience

Jeff Maisch, Aera Energy, updated HOSEC on Aera's master planned community project.

3. Approve June 9, 2004 Minutes

Coalition Members moved and seconded to approve the June 9, 2004 Minutes. Motion unanimously passed.

4. Finance Report

Coalition Members moved and seconded to receive and file the Finance Report given by Tim O'Donnell, Brea City Manager. Motion unanimously passed.

5. Aera Project Update

John h? staff understands alternatives being developed – staff cocneresn with alt. analysis priopr to drafr eir. Staff has not need _ report. Re timeline – sca report – needed – process in review would take 4-6 months . draft eir would take 2 reviews on the staff's part. If came in at the same time about 4-6 months. Extepc 6-8 months in total. If reports not at the samet time, talking about a year or so in that process. If submitted by nov- then hearing jun or july at earliest.

Chair asked area about road? Aera – project one proposals to have east west road to connect 57 to harbor. 100 or so less units on weset of project

M /s reveiw and file report – no opposition

6. Waters & Fauble Report

Waters & f – based on comments of both cmtes – w&f sign reduced its level of prof svc re billing – given the longer term involvement with this project t- imtp to minimize use of cert resources at this stage – done photographic work, prelim work on omailers, imptly – not taken it to a finished stage and moved into a very reduced involvement – continue to be available to be more involved

He and Cindie getting together to bring to conclusion their website – linke to member cities and assn's

Ready to do associate / affiliate mailing when hosec ready.

Beaumanb – is mat'l already printed? Dan – no have prepared outlies of material, did photography – in a posn' when ready ot do outreach – will have materials that are site specific.

Beauman – email dist'n list? Dan – brea has taken the lead in creating that list -= as part of assoc / afifl member program

Suggest an email tree. Esp in forms on instant responses

7. Web Page Update

Dan w – anticipate by right after / early nov in pos'n – will have up by end of nov

(steve – (made 1st motion) big guy) Hosec – asked if way to capture cost of website?
Dan – paying for his time to meet with Cindie. Bre providing all other costs. Dab –
ball park under \$500

8. Tonner Canyon Acquisition Legal Actions

Tim o – city of brea working on facilitating acq of lower part of tonner canyn – successful
in receiveing grants to facilitate – to help some agency aquire land for their mission –
during this process – learned industry entered into negot with ATonner Canyon llc, and
purchased site for app \$25M

Used neg dec for CQUA action – confused them and stated that purchased for open
space and access to b scout camp = but staff had seen drawings of reservoirs. Not
consistent with what staff had heard before. Believe indust. May have been project
splitting. Buy parcels and state purpose with indiv. Pieces but when combine all parcels
= becomes a different project. i.e. tonner open space for draining for reservoir above)

Brea filed suit and its working its way throught

Thryu PRA got piossession of purch and sale agmt – saw prucae price supported fy
appraisal of \$24M – that included oil resrvesand mineral rights – but purchase didn't
include mineral rights

Files 2nd suit – reverse validation – could constitute a gift of public funds

Agreed to go to r-side becaue itsa 'neutral' county

Active set of suits and update council at almost every meetings. Wanted hosec to
know about this as its one it its primary goal to id imp parcels in this Puente hills
corridor.

Beauman – not just a proposed road form 57 to landfill but a road that would sever
wildlife road to san bern county. Chair – lot of \$ into push polling on this road.

9. Harbor Boulevard Undercrossing Update

Chair – showed map –

Canyon that comes down by shea homes – obviously te most significant area for animal
habitat in the area. Has a blue line stream, well lvegetated, et.c most likely / critical
crossing point in the corridor. Mike yan – indicated area would be cooperative to create
wildlife undercrossing – about \$1.4m in contributions for this and ___ to pick up addn'l
funds

Since that itme- as it got closer to being reality – has some disagreements with aera re
this possibility. Prop in limits of laheights.

It's a county decision – at 11th hour to hosec – to exercise certain grant funds – found out area objecting to intention to fence harbor blvd along that side to make sure once underpass built animals forced to use it. Turned into a disagreement 0p lost \$365K grant for the fences. Decided to proceed w/out that and continue with underpass. Area – concern 1) no cattle come off their property 2) if only access point – they can get to harbor blvd – no way to impede their access – meeting tomorrow morning to iron out final issues. 14 x 19 feet when completed, totally engineered now.

Moving ahead on this- been a tough process –

Timeline now – will finalize cooperative agmt this month with LA co. we're paying LA pub works to build under their road. County should approve next month.

Ibid pkg in dec

Adv in feb

Openign 1st couple weeks march

Reviewed / awarded in april

Project completed around 2.23.06

Project included biological monitoring

Already been contracted

Hopefully real improvement of corridor – we lose a lot of animals on harbor blvd. sometime 4-5 coyotes / month

How much will addn't building costs jack project up - scary how much costs increased recently

But committed to doing it

Beauman – what else? Chair – deer, possums, no bobcats (that's hacienda blvd), skunks, rabbit

Big prob with harbor is that a major choke point for habitat

Also mtn lions there regularly

Today – how wide choke point? Bob = 19 x 14 feet under the 120 feet under roadway – then widens out –

Equation is how much corridor keep open on area property – that what were discussion

Beauman – brea on display – unveiling of trolley

Chair – habitat authority – video called “on the urban edge” show epepel wayus to work with animals near you, how to keep them out of yards, protect pets, etc

Beauman – suggested offering tour to huell houser

11. Select Location for Next Meeting (December 8, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.)

Roland heights or hacienda heights next meeting.

Russ offers to see if room

12. Adjournment

7:45 pm

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