

HB Huddle / Environment Team Meeting – “Earth Day, Every Day”

AGENDA

Date: October 7, 2017

Time: 10-noon. Location: Sunset Beach

Facilitator: Karen

Attendees: Karen C., Mary Ann C., Ellen J., Pam K., Carol K., and Greg K., and guest: Gina Clayton-Tarvin

Minutes taken by: Karen C.

Topic	Facilitator / Speaker	Notes
<p>1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydrogen sulfide gas stench in HB • Rainbow / trash stench in Oak View • Roundup Ban in OVSD/HB 	<p>Gina Clayton-Tarvin, President of the Ocean View School District Board of Trustees</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The gas stench has plagued the communities including Sunset Beach, Seal Beach, Long Beach, Newport Beach, and Costa Mesa, and primarily HB, centered around the area of Goldenwest and Slater. The gas is Hydrogen Sulfide • Thought to be from the oil/natural gas platforms and tankers out in the ocean. Hydrogen sulfide is toxic and can cause headaches, sore throats, respiratory problems, etc., and can even affect unborn fetuses. The HB fire department has been working on the issue collecting air samples for the SCAQMD. HBFD Chief David Segura has apparently been working on the issue for 30 years in LB and HB, with the incidence increasing as of late. Heat seems to bring the stench out more. Adam Plesniak started a Change.org petition about it, and Gina Clayton-Tarvin posted about it on Facebook and Nextdoor app and the issue attracted a great deal of attention, as it was also covered in the NY Times, LA Times, and OC Register, and KTLA 5. Erik Peterson was out ill Monday when an Ad Hoc committee was formed consisting of the max of three (3) council members, which are Billy O’Connell, Patrick Brennan, and Michael Posey. When asked what she would like the E-Team to do, she asked us to speak at City Council meetings and SCAQMD (So. Cal. Air Quality Management District) meetings when this issue is on the agenda. SCAQMD (or AQMD) has a Governing Board and a Hearing Board. The Governing Board consists of about 20 elected officials. Seal Beach residents and activists Michael Di Costanzo & Steve Stasoiski are on board and went to AQMD w/data and graphs, etc. to help with this issue. Also, we can call AQMD at 1-800-CUT-SMOG, if we smell gas to report, push option 2 to make a complaint. Nov 3rd is next AQMD Governing Board Meeting, 9 AM, Diamond Bar. • Rainbow/Republic issue: School District sued in a Nuisance Abatement action due to Rainbow trash smell, fugitive dust, vermin and vector. Plaintiff prevailed, but the problem is not yet resolved. Enclosures are being built, but Republic (who purchased Rainbow) is asking for an extension on the Stipulated Abatement from AQMD. Action to take: Attend/Speak at Oct 17, Hearing Board (not Governing Board) in Diamond Bar, maybe 9 AM. Go to show them that they are being watched, and if they get an extension, they need to have it done by that date. • Toxins: NMUSD was the first school district in OC to ban Roundup, so Gina Clayton-Tarvin sent her guys over to have a meeting. Her district (OVSD) banned Roundup in early 2016. OVSD controls 320 acres of land, and they use only human power (weed pulling), not even natural weed killers, because “those don’t work.” She encourages us to speak on Nov 6 at the City Council meeting, which we already planned to do. • If we need talking points for any of these issues, Gina can help us.

2. Ideas for "fair" (Need literature)	Karen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is some concern that we may not have enough meeting time, but we will try managing with just one meeting per month for now. For literature to set out on the table for the "fair" setup that we're trying now instead of actual meetings, Karen emailed (after today's meeting) a handful of local people to request that they send some to her.
3. Change date of Nov 4 th e-team meeting?	Karen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen is not available on this date, so we discussed possibly holding the meeting without her or changing the time or possibly even not holding the meeting unless we're really in need of one. We decided to see how the next 2-3 weeks go and then we can decide via electronic communication.
4. Pass out flyers for R4RD	Mary Ann	Done. Greg ended up taking them and will pass them out in his neighborhood.
5. Oh-by-the-ways / idea & issue sharing / items for parking lot	All Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pam knows owner of Round Table at Landmark (corner of Beach and Adams) and she suggests that if we ever need a venue for about 100 people we could hold our Huddle there without charge (with anticipation that people would stay there for lunch). She also suggested meeting there sometimes with the E-Team to mix things up and so that sometimes she can have Saturdays for her bike ride. Karen suggested as a team we ask the city council to require city inspectors to add to their yellow inspection construction cards a check on how items are being disposed of. They must check trash and question contractor about this on each inspection to keep a dialogue and awareness open. There is too much improper dumping of toxic waste with absolutely no monitoring of it. We made \$87 from our vegan lunch and Bolsa Chica Wetlands fundraiser. That cash was given to Bethany who attended the event. She will deposit \$37 for the HB Huddle and will send a check for \$50 to Amigos, who are the docents for the tour, a non-profit organization.

Upcoming meetings / actions

- NOW: Please "like" the HB Huddle's new Facebook "fan" page and click "invite your friends" and invite all of them. <https://www.facebook.com/hbhuddle/>
- Oct 8, 6:30 p.m.: Candidate forum / Environment at Irvine Water District. (sold out)
- Oct. 11, 7 PM: R4RD Town Hall, Eader Elementary School (prepare for Oct. 19)
- October 17, 9 AM. AQMD Hearing Board Meeting at 21865 Copley Dr , Diamond Bar, CA 91765, 909-396-2000, 800-CUT-SMOG, for Stipulated Abatement Order Public Hearing. Discuss the Rainbow/Republic trash smell.
- Oct. 19, 8 AM, check in at Coastkeeper booth (meeting begins at 9 AM). HB City Council Chambers. Need LOTS of people there!**
- Nov. 3, 9 AM, AQMD Governing Board Meeting at 21865 Copley Dr , Diamond Bar, CA 91765, 909-396-2000, 800-CUT-SMOG, to discuss gas smell and getting the City of HB assistance in investigating the issue.
- November 6 (Toxin-Free HB): Mark your calendars to attend the city council meeting. We are anticipating that an agenda item will be in place for a city-wide toxin-free proposal. We need as many people there as possible!
- Week of Dec 3. Sip and Talk (E-Team's turn to host): Need to determine exact date/time/location.

Wish list

- EZ-up w/HB Huddle Environment Team logo