

**CITY OF SANTA MONICA**

**CLEAN BEACHES & OCEAN PARCEL TAX**

**CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Clean Beaches & Ocean Parcel Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee was called to order by Chair Ford at 6:34 p.m., on Wednesday, September 10, 2014, at Ken Edwards Center, 1527 Fourth Street, Santa Monica.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair Tom Ford  
Vice-Chair Kirsten James  
Committee Member Steve Duron

Absent: Committee Member David Fetterman  
Committee Member Grace Phillips

Also Present: Principal Civil Engineer, Rick Valte  
Civil Engineer Associate, Allan Sheth  
Sr. Admin Analyst OSE, Neal Shapiro  
Committee Secretary, Maria Dacanay

**CONVENE**

On order of the Chair, the regular meeting of the Clean Beaches & Ocean Parcel Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee was called to order at 6:34 p.m., with Committee Members Fetterman and Phillips absent.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

There was no one present for public input.

**MINUTES**

3. **Approval of the June 11, 2014**, minutes was presented.

Motion by Committee Member Duron, seconded by James, to continue this item to the next regular meeting. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote, with Committee Members Fetterman and Phillips absent.

**QUARTERLY BUDGET &  
STATUS OF 5-YEAR LID  
PROJECTS**

4. **Discussion of Quarterly Budget and Project Status Reports (thru June 2014) of the first 5-Year Low Impact Development (or Green Infrastructure) Projects, projects which promote rain harvesting and onsite treatment and use, such as pervious alleys and gutters, and stormwater cisterns**, was presented.

Staff introduced Civil Engineer Associate and Project Manager, Allan Sheth, who will be presenting the status report on the Los Amigos Project.

Staff reported that: \$6.6M was appropriated for capital improvements projects (CIP), \$19.4M was collected and \$16.6M in funds have been expended/allocated, and the current balance of the fund is \$2.8M; the remaining \$650K for the Ocean Park Boulevard Complete Green Street project was transferred back to the Measure V fund balance; the construction contract for the Permeable Street Gutters project at Cedar/Maple Street was awarded and is estimated to be completed in the fall; final payments for the completed Storm Drain In Line Infiltration Study will be made during the next quarter and a savings of \$70K will be returned to the fund balance; Phase I: Environmental Site Assessments were conducted for Marine and Los Amigos Park Retrofit projects ; for the Marine Park project, the City is waiting on a decision from the Los Angeles Recreation & Parks Department on the route of the pipeline and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power on the fee to use treated water; for the Los Amigos project, the design contract was awarded to California Watershed Engineering; the design phase of the Palisades Park Drainage Improvement project is 50% complete; for the Trash Best Management Project (BMP), the City is reevaluating its plan to enter into a costly maintenance agreement with the County of Los Angeles and is looking into other ways to maintain catch basins, through institutional controls (street sweeping, public outreach, etc.); and expenditures over \$5000 was for indirect cost allocation, salaries and wages for Watershed Program Manager, project maintenance for the bird netting at the Santa Monica Pier and maintenance of the Bicknell Avenue and Ocean Park Green Streets, and a transfer of \$718K to the Stormwater Management Fund (34).

The Committee asked questions including but not limited to: soil sampling for the Marine and Los Amigos Park projects; reporting pier bird netting repairs, beach grooming under the pier; the standard design of the Parkway Infiltration Systems and how it compares to the City of Los Angeles' plan; the cost per linear foot of permeable surfaces; the number of citations issued for littering; and construction of the Los Amigos project coinciding with sporting events and the school year, and how the project has changed from when it was initially part of the Ocean Park Green Street project. The Committee also expressed their concerns about: political issues and the effectiveness of institutional controls for the Trash BMP; revisiting the Phase II: Infiltration aspect of the Los Amigos project to qualify as an Enhance Watershed Management Program (EWMP) project; and investing into projects that infiltrate water, provide additional water sources outside the city limits and help the City comply with the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit.

Staff answered the Committee's questions and will return with: information on the cost per foot of permeable gutters and alleys; a map of existing and proposed catch basins in the City; a schematic of City wells relative to the aquifers; and information on whether Measure V funds can be invested into projects outside of City limits.

On order of the Chair, this information was received and filed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND  
UPDATES**

- Coastal Clean-Up Day is on Saturday, September 20, 2014.
- National Estuaries Week is from September 20-27, 2014.
- Committee Members whose terms end in December should inform the City Clerk's Office if they wish to serve another term.

**NEXT MEETING DATE AND  
AGENDA**

On the order of the Chair, the next meeting was scheduled at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10, 2014.

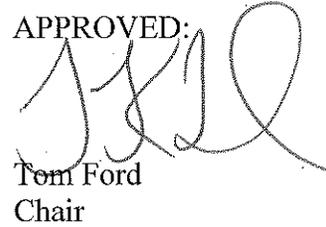
**ADJOURNMENT**

On order of the Chair, the Clean Beaches & Ocean Parcel Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Maria Dacanay  
Secretary

APPROVED:

  
Tom Ford  
Chair