

**Belmont Heights Community Association
Membership Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by Linda Pemberton, Vice President, at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance

Six board members were present: Linda Pemberton, Dianne Sundstrom, Neal Vincent, Sydney Simon, Bill Davis and John Shisko. Approximately 40 people were in attendance: 28 members and 12 non-members. Linda introduced special guests: Kristina Duggan, the 3rd District Field Officer, Anthony Arevalo and Derry MacMahon, City staff; Eric Zahn from Tidal Influence, and Edric Guise from Citizens' Climate Lobby.

Linda did a quick overview of the agenda for the evening. First up, were the following updates from the BHCA:

BHA2 Event

Sydney reported that the BHA2 art show opening at Viento y Agua on October 2 was a resounding success with over 100 people attending. She encouraged everyone to stop by and view the impressive work of 23 Belmont Heights' artists. Most of the pieces are for sale; the show runs through November 2. Viento y Agua is located at 4007 E 4th Street.

Education Update

Linda announced that the LBUSD unanimously voted to rezone the district such that Fremont students can attend Rogers Middle School.

Volunteers: Looking to Get Involved

Linda asked for volunteers to help with the meeting room set-up and sign-in. Help is also needed with the new homeowner welcome bag. Please contact Linda through president@mybelmonthheights.org

Miner Smith Project

Linda reminded everyone that the Miner Smith exhibit at the Historical Society opens December 4th, 2015 and runs through February 12th, 2015.

For information you can visit the Miner Smith Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/minersmith>

Helicopter Noise

John Shisko reported that the BHCA has joined other organizations in an effort to control commercial helicopter noise through compliance with both flight routes and elevations as they travel over Belmont Heights. For a more detailed overview of the status of this effort and next steps [click on this link](#).

Pacific Electric right-of-way

Dianne reported that the fencing on the north side of the PEROW at approximately 6th and Quincy encloses a private piece of property. The property does impact the course of the proposed 6th St bike blvd. Kristina Duggan added that the City is revising the bike path plans;

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she also noted that the City will not purchase the property. She shared that the property owner is considering building a “green” building on the lot. Dianne reported that we have not yet heard the status of the grant application worth \$450,000. She also mentioned that final plans for the PEROW should be available for our review by the end of the year.

SEADIP

Linda announced that a scoping meeting for preparing the Environmental Impact Report is scheduled for November 4 from 6 to 8 pm, at the Golden Sails Hotel on PCH. She emphasized that this provides an opportunity for residents to share their idea of what impacts should be included in the study.

Broadway Traffic Calming

Dianne reported that the painted medians between Termino and Park are slated to be done by the end of the year. Included will be left hand turn pockets, turns into alleys, and a crosswalk at Quincy. Dianne also reported that she and Neal Vincent, as well as several other residents, attended the meeting to review the findings of the Iteris study. The City plans to move forward on several of the immediate fixes while the City engineering and traffic staff reviews the more complex recommendations. The plan is to complete the review in 60 to 90 days (approximately December 2015). A summary of the study as well as a link to the study was sent out to our email list on August 12 and again on Sept 18, 2015. The study can be found [here](#). And a summary of the study [here](#).

3rd District Update

Kristina Duggan reported on the following:

New Field Officer

Kristina has 2.5 weeks left in the office and will be replaced by Jack Cunningham.

Parks, Rec and Marine

Kelly Parkins has been hired as Supervisor for PRM.

Roe on 2nd Street

The space will be a new seafood restaurant.

Upcoming BHCA Meetings

November 11 Landscaping Panel

December 9 Holiday Party

Other Meetings – check out our [event calendar](#)

October 22 3rd District Council Neighborhood Meeting: Long Beach Yacht Club @ noon; reservations are required for lunch but meeting is open to all

November 4 SEADIP scoping meeting

December 4 Miner Smith opening at the Historical Society of Long Beach

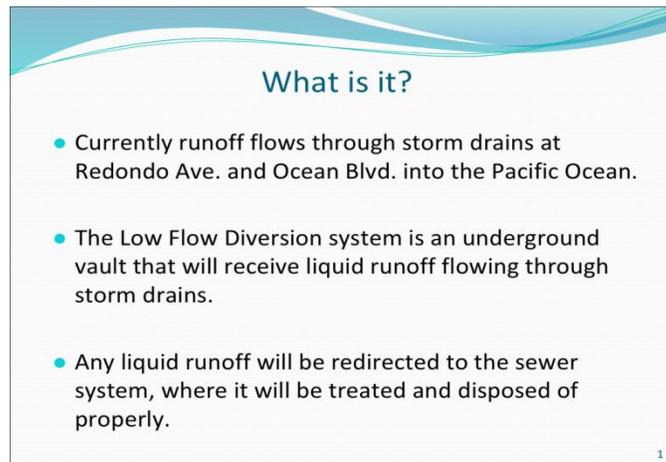
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Guest Speakers

Storm Water Drain Project

Anthony Arevalo, Storm Water/Environmental Compliance Officer, City of Long Beach and Derry MacMahon, Project Engineer

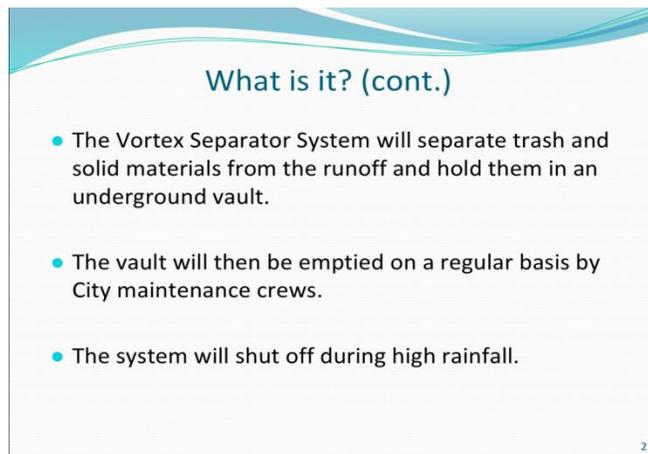
Derry and Anthony reviewed the low flow diversion and vortex separation system that will be installed at Redondo and Ocean. All construction impacts, i.e. sidewalks, grass etc will be restored when the project is completed. The following slides describe the project:



What is it?

- Currently runoff flows through storm drains at Redondo Ave. and Ocean Blvd. into the Pacific Ocean.
- The Low Flow Diversion system is an underground vault that will receive liquid runoff flowing through storm drains.
- Any liquid runoff will be redirected to the sewer system, where it will be treated and disposed of properly.

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What is it? (cont.)

- The Vortex Separator System will separate trash and solid materials from the runoff and hold them in an underground vault.
- The vault will then be emptied on a regular basis by City maintenance crews.
- The system will shut off during high rainfall.

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Water Quality Impacts

- The system will improve water quality in the Pacific Ocean both immediately and over a long term.
- The system will divert up to 1000 gallons of runoff per day into the sanitary sewer system.
- It will eliminate 100% of the bacteria transported by runoff flow and capture significant amounts of debris.

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Budget and Preliminary Schedule

- The project is funded by a grant from the State Water Resources Control Board and City of Long Beach Tidelands Funds.

Project Activity	Date
Commence Construction	December 2015
Complete Construction	June 2016

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There was a lively discussion regarding the potential El Nino this year and possible impacts to neighborhoods with issues such as storm drain back-up, flooding etc. If residents note problems with storm drains either send an email to the Council office – district3@longbeach.gov or contact Art Cox, Street Operations Division @ 562-570-2700.

Prior to introducing the next 2 guests, Linda provided a brief overview of the outcomes of a meeting hosted by Rep Alan Lowenthal on September 2, 2015, titled “**Climate Change Impacts and Actions**”. The meeting was attended by many experts and community leaders including Dr. Jerry Schubel, President/CEO, Aquarium of the Pacific. The following points summarize the climate change impacts:

- Drought - Will get worse
- Temperature Rise – by 2100, hot days 2-3 times greater
- Air Quality - Will get worse, particularly near ports as temperatures increase
- Sea Level Rise - Coastal flooding will get worse

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In addition, Linda provided a list of the many strategies offered by environmental experts and discussed in our current news media to mitigate global warming:

- Lower the emission of greenhouse gases:
 - Energy efficient transport - Alternative Energy: Biofuels, Nuclear, Solar, Wind
- Remove greenhouse gases from the atmosphere - Carbon Sinks
- Reduce deforestation
- Carbon capture and storage
- Emission quotas and green house gas trading
- Life-style change - everybody can help reduce the global warming

She then introduced our two local speakers who presented ideas on what we can do at the local level.

Los Cerritos Wetlands – Impacts of Ocean Level Rise

Eric Zahn from Tidal Influence

Eric's comments included the fact that any coastal project must consider sea level rise. He showed a series of slides demonstrating how the wetlands can act as a mitigating force for sea level rise. Those slides can be viewed [here](#).

Citizens' Climate Lobby

Edric Guise, Volunteer

Edric reviewed the goal of the CCL which is to levy a carbon fee at the point of extraction of all fossil fuel. CCL proposes a fee of \$15/ton, with proceeds sent to the US Treasury to be re-distributed to US households. The impact of such a fee would be to increase the cost of fossil fuel based products thereby reducing consumption. Non-fossil fuel products would be less expensive.

Detailed information on CCL and its mission can be found [here](#).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianne Sundstrom, Secretary
October 26, 2015