

**CITIZENS OVERSIGHT AD HOC COMMITTEE
MINUTES – Monday, January 28, 2008**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Homer Alexander, Joyce Lundy, Cheryl Taylor, Graham Pask, Lanny McKay

STAFF PRESENT: Susan Slayton, Finance Director

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Alexander called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved unanimously.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. FURTHER DISCUSSION ON USE OF DISTRICT TRANSACTION TAX FUNDS FOR STORM DRAIN MAINTENANCE

City Engineer Rob Livick, along with Rachel Grossman (Associate Planner) and Demaris Hanson (Engineering Tech III), gave a presentation on the value of street sweeping as a method of keeping toxic chemicals, trash and pollution out of the storm drain system, which empties into the ocean. Mr. Livick wanted this opportunity to talk to the Committee members in hopes of changing the Committee's November 28th decision to reverse out the street sweeping costs that had been paid for with Measure Q money.

After hearing the presentation, the Committee discussed the voters' intended use of the ½ cent sales tax money that was dedicated to storm drains. Members unanimously agreed that the campaign literature was very clear on storm drain money being used for capital projects, not maintenance. All Members voted unanimously to uphold the decision made on November 28th to disallow expenditures for the vendor Clean Street and to disallow any further expenditures for maintenance of storm drains.

Committee Member Lundy will present the Committee's recommendation at the February 11th City Council meeting. Ms. Slayton is taking an agenda item to that meeting, asking that Council make the determination on how the storm drain allocation is to be spent.

V. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Cheryl Taylor, as the representative on the Cal-Fire Feasibility Study Committee, to make a presentation.

V. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting date was set for March 31, 2008.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.