



History of

Huntington Beach

A Musical

by Nelda Alvarez

(On stage) **Mini Overture**

(Enter first 3 Narrators)

Joaquin: *In the early 1900's, a group of Los Angeles businessmen bought some coastal property with plans to develop a resort city.*

Olivia: *One investor, Henry E, Huntington used this opportunity to bring his Pacific Electric Railway into Coastal Orange County.*

Cannan: *And on July 4th, 1904 the first "Red Cars" of the Pacific Electric rolled into the newly named city of Huntington Beach.*

Song - **The Red Cars**

Brooke: *One of the oldest and most beautiful places to visit here in Huntington Beach is a particular place where the water and land meet The Bolsa Chica Wetlands.*

Aya: *This is home to an amazing variety of plants, insects and animals. It is where they eat, live and raise their babies.*

Elise: *The Bolsa Chica Wetlands are equally important to migratory birds. They need a nutrient filled winter stopover to rest and or nest until the time comes to continue their journey along the Great Pacific Flyway, which spans from Canada to Mexico.*

Lincoln: *The wetlands are equally beneficial to us, providing clean water, food, and natural resources. The preservation of our wetlands is critical.*

Song - **The Bolsa Chica Wetlands**

Song - **The Red Cars w/3rd line change** "There's the Newland House right there on Adams & Beach":

Zeke: *In 1898, the Newlands, pioneers in the truest sense, built their Victorian Home on a picturesque bluff overlooking marshy peat lands.*

Miles: *"Yep, marshy peat lands."*

Ashton: *"Everyone else thought the land was worthless."*

Zeke: *"But William Newland had a keen instinct for farming."*

Miles: *"A Really Keen Instinct, He invented a machine that pulled out the willow trees from the marsh."*

Ashton: *"And then found a way to drain the excess water from the swampy land."*

Zeke: *"He knew that this land would be ideal for growing vegetables.."*

Miles: *Over the years the Newland's fertile mesa became nationally known for the variety and excellence of its vegetables.*

Song - **The Newland House** (Children's names: Clara, Wilmuth, Mary Frances, Delphia, John, Jessie, William, Clinton, Helen, Bernice)

Song - **The Red Cars** w/3rd line change "You'll see a few of the derricks still drilling for oil."

Hudson: Before the 1920 Oil Boom in Huntington Beach, most of the land was used for pastures, crops and groves.

June: Huntington Beach was quiet, lush and picturesque, enjoying a lively summer tourist season to supplement its economy.

Graham: That all changed with the discovery of oil. Rows and rows of tall wooden derricks sprang up as houses were moved off of little town lots.

Kinley: Often times the noise of the oil drilling derricks was so loud, (plug your ears) it was ear-splitting and the smell of the oil, (pinch your nose) overpowering.

Song - **The Oil Boom**

Sophie: Huntington Beach is a wonderful place to raise families too!. This is a beautiful environment with over 2,000 acres of wetlands and 600 acres of parks.

Eric: Our once booming oil town continues to support necessary industry and development that provide essential services to us all.

Eve: Without an effective educational system our other assets mean very little.

Quynh Ly: The Huntington city School District, through its 6 elementary and 2 middle schools, does an outstanding job of fostering academic excellence ...

Zane: and guiding students to become exemplary citizens

Song - **Wake Up, Get Dressed**

_____ : When this city decided to name the streets in downtown Huntington Beach, they just gave Main Street her name and numbered the streets next to it respectively.

_____ : Then they thought that all the cross streets should be named after trees.

_____ : What about all the other street names in HB? Where did they all come from?

_____ : Well, most people don't associate driving around our town with thumbing through pages of a history book.

_____ : But if you consider that many of our street names represent people who once lived, farmed, and shaped our city finding an address could be a history lesson.

_____ : Let us introduce you to the pioneers ... **Meet the HB Streets.**

Song - **Meet the HB Streets**

Song - The Red Cars w/3rd line change, “*They make stuff for outer space at the Boeing Company.*”

_____ : *As Huntington Beach’s population grew, most of the industry of the early days was disappearing.*

_____ : *When the Douglas Space Center moved to town in the early 1960’s, Huntington Beach got the industrial boost it needed to match the fast residential growth.*

_____ : *Douglas was devoted to aerospace research and was responsible for producing rocket ship parts that would send American astronauts to the moon.*

_____ : *This huge company employed nearly 7,000 people proving that Huntington Beach is a great place to live and work.*

Jensen _____ : *The moon would be nice place to visit, but I wouldn’t want to live there. I love it here in Huntington Beach.*

Song - I Don’t Want to Live on the Moon by Jeffrey Moss

Radley _____ : *Surfer’s started riding the waves of Huntington Beach in the late 1920’s.*

Jackson _____ : *Back then boards were made of heavy redwood weighting 135 lbs each.*

Ozzie _____ : *After the first United States Surfing Championships were held here in 1959, Huntington Beach and its pier became known as a Surfer’s Paradise.*

William _____ : *Today surf Competitions are still held here each September drawing top surfers from all over the world to our Surf City.*

Hannah _____ : *There are a lot of great surfin’ tunes but when Jan and Dean released this song in 1963, it immortalized Huntington Beach as ... The “Surf City” capital.*

Song - HB’s Cool, It’s a Surf City

_____ : In 1903, it was a thousand feet. All the way to the ocean from the end of Main Street.

_____ : It was not yet known as the HB Pier. A storm in 1912 made that pier disappear.

_____ : The first time the pier went down. But not the last time ...
Hey, why don’t we just sing it!

Song - The Huntington Beach Pier

Finale - Reprise