



City of Dallas

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
Dallas City Hall – 1500 Marilla, L1FN Conference Room “C”
Regular Meeting
January 8, 2007
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

MINUTES

Members Present

James Mitchell, Chair
Diane Benjamin
Jon (Tad) Heimbürger
Keith Kwoh
Sylvia Lagos
Chris Schulz
Linda Sharp

Members Absent

Mary Vogelson
Mary Warner

Public Present

None

Staff Present

Joey Zapata, Assistant Director, EHS
Dionne Driscoll, OEQ
Lori Frauli, OEQ
Lilia Gonzalez, Coordinator, EHS

Minutes

Mr. James Mitchell, Chair, called the regular meeting of the Environmental Health Commission to order at 9:12 a.m. The minutes from the December 4, 2006 meeting were approved as amended.

Decision on Preparation of a Low Impact Technical Manual **James E. Mitchell, Chair, Environmental Health Commission**

Mr. James Mitchell updated the commission on low impact development. He mentioned that Mr. Erick Thompson talked to the commission on ideas he put together in response to request made by Jill Jordan, Assistant City Manager and Councilwoman Linda Koop in giving guidance in development planning. After the meeting, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Erik Thompson met early in December and discussed potential areas of interests. They both concluded to seek resource for the effort of a low impact technical manual. Mr. Mitchell believes that the commission needs more members that have knowledge in consulting and environmental backgrounds.

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Mr. Mitchell suggested that Mr. Kenny Calhoun update the commission on updates in the development of ISWIM and what it is about. After his presentation, Mr. Mitchell would like for the commission to discuss whether or not the EHC agrees to move forward with the project.

Integrated Storm Water Management, ISWM

Kenny Calhoun, Council of Governments

Mr. Calhoun is presenting a briefing on the efforts COG has put in on ISWM. ISWM will fit very nicely in what we've been talking about in term of low impact development manual. What we are looking for out of this is whether we can see a way to merge some of this thinking so that we don't end up redesigning the Titanic all over again.

Mr. Calhoun mentioned that as part of development the 4 basic pieces of development is to design the water system, waste water collection system, building, roads, parking lots, and the storm water management system.

He briefly explained the integrated site design practices. These include conservation of natural features and resources, lower impact site design techniques, reduction of impervious cover and utilization of natural features for storm water management. He explained that those are things that the consultant should consider when designing a site design. A copy of Mr. Calhoun's presentation was provided to the commission.

Commission Reports

After Mr. Calhoun's presentation, Mr. Mitchell asked whether the Commission is agreeable to continue on the path to developing a guidance manual for Low Impact Development. The Commission agreed unanimously to continue on this project.

Staff Reports

Dionne Driscoll from the Office of Environmental Quality (OEQ) informed the commission that OEQ is having their annual conference on January 11, 2007. She invited the members of the commission to attend.

Ms. Driscoll also introduced Lori Frauli. She's a new staff member to OEQ. Ms. Frauli worked in the full powered plant project with OEQ and the Mayor. Ms. Driscoll offered to provide a brief update. Mr. Mitchell asked that she give a brief update at next month's meeting.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.