



## City of Dallas

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION**  
**Dallas City Hall – 1500 Marilla, L1FN Conference Room “C”**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**September 8, 2008**  
**9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

### MINUTES

#### **Members Present**

Sheron C. Patterson  
Diane Benjamin  
Cheryl S. Camin  
Keith Kwoh  
Meredith McQuiston  
David J. Metzler  
Susan R. Rader  
Linda Sharp  
Mary Warner  
Kedra Williams

#### **Members Absent**

Jon (Tad) Heimbürger  
Sylvia Lagos  
Reginald Seastrunk  
Mandy Valasek

#### **Staff Present**

Dilip R. Shah, Assistant Director, Environmental and Health Services  
Eric Griffin, Interim Director, Office of Environmental Quality  
Frank Camp, Office of Environmental Quality  
Kevin Lebvre, Office of Environmental Quality

#### **Public Present**

None

#### **Minutes**

Ms. Cheryl S. Camin, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Minutes from the August 4, 2008 were approved unanimously with one minor change.

#### **Environmental Awards Criteria/Guidelines**

##### **Kevin Lebvre, Office of Environmental Quality**

Mr. Kevin Lebvre gave an update to the commission on decisions and changes that were made the previous month. It was determined by the Public Information Office (PIO) that the commission could not use the clipart previously suggested. PIO came up with new clipart designs. The commission will have to decide on which clipart designs they would like.

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Mr. Lebvre also informed the commission that the application will open October 1, 2008 and will close on December 1, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. The application will be received by Office of Environmental Quality (OEQ). Once OEQ received all application, they will sort applications and then present them to EHC.

He also mentioned that the Mayor's office asked for an update on the awards ceremony back in early August. Mr. Lebvre provided a copy of the award ceremony to Mrs. Paula Blackmon. He also provided a sample letter that the Mayor could use to send to councilmembers for their town hall meetings.

Mr. Lebvre informed the commission is trying to develop the most effective means to promote letters to school principals and inform them that the curriculum is focused on being a class project to be nominated. He also mentioned that he will speak to someone from The Quick. He said that on Wednesdays they have an advertisement insert in the middle of the newspaper. They have contacted OEQ in the past for a couple of segments for that Wednesday advertisement piece.

The commission decided to name the awards ceremony "M.E.E.A." for Mayoral Environmental Excellence Awards. They also decided on the logo to be used with minor changes.

Mr. Lebvre mentioned that he is part of the Green Building Task Force. The task force suggested recognizing people that are going above and beyond the requirements of the ordinance. It would include homeowners, builders, developers and geared toward innovation rather than having an existing green building. If combined, recognition would be given at the MEEA in the fall of 2009. The commission decided to combine the two in the fall of 2009.

Other substantive changes to the awards application were provided by the commission and will be incorporated in the next version of the application.

**Commission Reports**

The commission will meet next month on Air Quality. Mrs. Rebecca Rader will provide information regarding children and nature initiative that is occurring throughout the country. The information includes how lack of exposure to nature is contributing to obesity in children.

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**Staff Reports**

Mr. Eric Griffin, Interim Director, Office of Environmental Quality introduced himself to the members that were not present the last time he introduced himself.

**Public Comment**

None

**Adjournment**

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