



City of Dallas

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
Dallas City Hall – 1500 Marilla, L1FN Conference Room “C”
Regular Meeting
January 7, 2008
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

MINUTES

Members Present

Jon (Tad) Heimbürger
Cheryl S. Camin
Keith Kwoh
Sylvia Lagos
Meredith McQuiston
David J. Metzler
Kedra Williams
Reginald Seastrunk
Linda Sharp

Members Absent

Diane Benjamin
Mary Vogelsson
Mary Warner

Staff Present

Dilip Shah, Assistant Director, EHS
Lilia Gonzalez, Coordinator, EHS
Frank Camp, Office of Environmental Quality
Laurie Knirk, Office of Environmental Quality

Public Present

None

Minutes

Mr. Tad Heimbürger, Vice Chair, called them meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Minutes from the April 3, June 4, 2007 and November 5, 2007 and December 3, 2007 were approved unanimously.

Introduction of New Members

David J. Metzler, Meredith McQuiston, Kedra Williams

Ms. Kedra Williams has a local CPA firm in Dallas. She has a Master's Degree in Accounting and also a published author. Her interests are anything that affects the City of Dallas. She stated that being a party of the Environmental Health Commission is an opportunity to give back to the community.

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Meredith McQuiston is a caseworker at the Dallas County District Attorney's Office in the Family Violence Division. She provides resources that are available in the community to victims of domestic violence.

David J. Metzler is an attorney in Dallas at Coles & Thompson Law Firm. Mr. Metzler has lived in Dallas for most of his life. He has no particular expertise in environmental health but is willing to help.

Following the introduction of the new members, existing members introduced themselves as well.

Mulching and Composting Program at Dallas Parks
Jared White, Parks & Recreations

Mr. Jared White has been in the Parks & Recreation Department for two years. He is in Planning & Design within the department. His expertise includes GIS, grant writing, trail and park development. Prior to joining the city he was employed by the Council of Governments (COG) in their Transportation Department for seven years. His work at COG included sustainable development land use which where developing grant programs so that other cities could apply for funding.

Mr. White explained the mulching and composting program to the member of the commission. He stated that the objective of the program was to increase the amount of compost material used by 10% and by December of 2009. Another objective of the program was to evaluate the use of using vegetable waste from the Farmer's Market as a composting program.

Mr. White stated that they are currently working in conjunction with other departments for example the Sanitation Department. Sanitation collects a lot of wood materials and some of that material is recycled. Mr. White is coordinating with the Sanitation Department to determine a way to get the material to a certain site and process the material and disburse it throughout the city.

A copy of Mr. White's presentation was not provided to the commission members.

2007 Annual Report
Tad Heimburger, Vice Chair

Mr. Tad Heimburger informed the commission that the 2007 Annual Report is due to the City Council in February. He also stated that he would work diligently with current members of the commission to gather the proper information in order to have this report completed in February.

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Commission Reports

None

Staff Reports

None

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

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