



## City of Dallas

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION**  
**Dallas City Hall – 1500 Marilla, L1FN Conference Room “C”**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**March 3, 2008**  
**9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

### MINUTES

#### **Members Present**

Sheron C. Patterson  
Jon (Tad) Heimbürger  
Diane Benjamin  
Keith Kwoh  
Sylvia Lagos  
Meredith McQuiston  
David J. Metzler  
Reginald Seastrunk  
Linda Sharp  
Mandy Valasek  
Mary Warner

#### **Members Absent**

Kedra Williams  
Cheryl S. Camin

#### **Staff Present**

Lilia Gonzalez, Coordinator, EHS  
David Howe, City Attorney's Office

#### **Public Present**

None

#### **Minutes**

Dr. Sheron C. Patterson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Minutes from the February 4, 2008 were approved unanimously with one minor correction.

#### **Future Topic Discussion**

##### **Dr. Sheron C. Patterson**

Dr. Patterson opened up the floor for future topic discussion.

Mrs. Linda Sharp suggested that the commission consider open space as a topic of interest. This would include assisting city staff to draft a policy on broadening open space for trails to accommodate walking, bicycling, etc. throughout the entire city.

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Mrs. Sylvia Lagos stated her concern on the continuing problem of residents in Oak Cliff paving their front yards for additional parking space. She stated that not only is it unattractive for the neighborhood but also creates water run off problems because of the oil and automotive chemical residue.

Mr. Reginald Seastrunk mentioned his interest in the Trinity River Project. He stated that since the project is a huge green effort; the commission may be able to contribute in that regard.

Ms. Meredith McQuiston suggested that staff from the Trinity River Project should attend the next meeting to update the commission on their progress.

**Suggestions**

**Councilmember Linda Koop**

Councilmember Linda Koop spoke to the commission about health programs where Dallas receives Federal money help. Currently they are children's dental health programs. She also informed the commission that the Homeless Assistance Center is set to open this spring.

Councilmember Koop informed the commission that obesity is a topic of interest with some councilmembers. She mentioned that education on the City's recycle program may help the recycling effort. Also, green building initiatives and codes are currently being discussed and that the local AIA president is a good contact for the topic.

Ms. Koop invited Dr. Patterson and Mr. Heimbürger to schedule a meeting to further discuss the direction and tasks of the EHC.

**2007 Annual Report**

**Tad Heimbürger, Vice Chair, EHC**

The 2007 Annual Report was approved unanimously. Mr. Tad Heimbürger will sign the cover memo and forward to Mrs. Lilia V. Gonzalez for distribution.

**Commission Reports**

Ms. McQuiston suggested that the commission try to have all distribution copies for the meeting shown on a laptop rather than making excessive amount of copies. The commission agreed to eliminate distribution copies and instead use a laptop at the next meeting.

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**Staff Reports**

None

**Public Comment**

None

**Adjournment**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.