



City of Dallas

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
Dallas City Hall – 1500 Marilla, L1FN Conference Room “C”
Regular Meeting
November 5, 2007
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

MINUTES

Members Present

Jon (Tad) Heimbürger
Cheryl S. Camin
Diane Benjamin
Keith Kwoh
Sylvia Lagos
Reginald Seastrunk
Linda Sharp
Mary Warner

Members Absent

Mary Vogelson

Staff Present

Dilip Shah, Assistant Director, EHS
Lilia Gonzalez, Coordinator, EHS
Lori Frauli, Office of Environmental Quality
Frank Camp, Office of Environmental Quality
David Howe, City Attorney's Office

Public Present

None

Minutes

Mr. Tad Heimbürger, Vice Chair, called the regular meeting of the Environmental Health Commission to order at 9:15 a.m. The minutes from the June 4, 2007 were approved as official minutes even though a quorum was not present at that time.

Introduction of Assistant Director

Tad Heimbürger, Vice Chair of EHC

Mr. Tad Heimbürger introduced Mr. Dilip Shah as new Assistant Director of Environmental and Health Services Department. Mr. Shah introduced himself and Mr. Heimbürger informed him that the commission has not been active for months because of the lack of members and absences. He stated that as new members are appointed the commission would become more active.

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Introduction of New Members

Tad Heimbürger, Vice Chair of EHC

Mr. Heimbürger informed the commission that the commission has two new members.

Mrs. Cheryl S. Camin is representing District #14. She stated that she looks forward in helping out in any way and help point the commission in a new direction. Mrs. Camin is an attorney in the healthcare section of Fulbright & Jaworski. She has a Master's Degree in Public Health and has a public health background. The Environmental Health Commission was a way to get involved and help the City of Dallas in any way that she may have expertise and assist.

Mr. Reginald Seastrunk is married and has four kids. Mr. Seastrunk owns his own business. He believes that with his engineering background and his Master's in Science he will be a great asset to the commission.

Discussion – Ideas, Concerns, and Interests

Tad Heimbürger, Vice Chair of EHC

Mr. Heimbürger stated that there is nothing in particular that the commission is working on at this time. He stated that last year the commission was primarily involved with helping the city and county prepare for a potential pandemic. Another topic that the commission worked on was land development. Because of the commissions involvement, subcommittees were created and Council voted to hire a consultant to assist the city with modifying city ordinances that dealt with planning and land development.

Mrs. Linda Sharp distributed a copy of an article on the newspaper regarding MSD. The article was about groundwater and an existing development sight. She asked what was the present status of the city is on MSD's.

Mrs. Lori Frauli manages the city's MSD program for the city. Mrs. Frauli informed the commission that a West Dallas MSD was approved and the application will be prepared soon. She mentioned that the MSD program is about revitalization of communities where properties may have not been redeveloped because of groundwater contamination. She also mentioned that Councilwoman Linda Koop meets with the Director of Office of Environmental Quality weekly and discuss air quality initiatives with cement kilns, smoking vehicles, etc.

The commission voted unanimously to have Mr. Heimbürger invite Councilwoman Linda Koop to a commission meeting and/or inquire about issues the commission should be working on.

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The commission discussed several topics of interest that they would like to pursue. Mr. Heimburger informed the commission that he will contact Councilwoman Linda Koop for direction. He encouraged the commission to let him know of other topics that they would be interested in.

2007 Annual Report
Tad Heimburger, Vice Chair of EHC

Mr. Heimburger informed the commission that the annual report has to be produced in January. He also stated that they would talk more about it in a future meeting.

Commission Reports

Mr. Keith Kwoh notified us that he will not be attending the commission meeting in December because he has jury duty.

Mrs. Sylvia Lagos suggested that the commission member notify the councilmembers listed on the members list that have not yet appointed someone to represent their district.

Mrs. Diane Benjamin suggested that the commission should be notified via email of anything that pertains to the city.

Staff Reports

None

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.