



City of Dallas

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
Dallas City Hall – 1500 Marilla, L1FN Conference Room “C”
Regular Meeting
June 5, 2006
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

MINUTES

Members Present

James Mitchell, Chair
Diane Benjamin
Carol Barnett Davis
Jon (Tad) Heimbürger
Keith Kwoh
Barbara Pittman
Chris Schulz
Linda Sharp

Members Absent

Sylvia Lagos
Tom Peck
Casie Pierce
Mary Warner
Mary Vogelson

Public Present

None

Staff Present

Elias Sassoon, Development Services
Steve Smith, Development Services
Patsy Mitchell, Assistant Director, EHS
Lilia Gonzalez, Coordinator, EHS

Minutes

Mr. James Mitchell, Chair, called the regular meeting of the Environmental Health Commission to order at 9:03 a.m. The minutes from the April 3, 2006 meeting were approved.

Alternative Development Planning Development Services

Mr. Elias Sassoon informed the commission of sustainable developments. Mr. Sassoon stated that sustainable developments fulfill present and future needs while only using and not harming renewable resource. A few sustainable resource examples he mentioned were air, water, energy, food, land and ecology. He also informed the commission of the strategies being used to implement alternative development planning.

Mr. Sassoon briefly informed the commission of the development process, permits that the Permit Center provides, and provided the names of departments that are involved in Abandonment/Private License. A copy of the presentation was provided to the commission.

Follow-up on Environmental Audit Ideas

Linda Sharp, EHC

Ms. Linda Sharp provided the commission with a copy of an environmental audit from Springfield, Missouri. The environmental audit talked a lot about water quality, solid waste, community health, air quality and environmental health indicators. The audit is compared year to year. Other audits Ms. Sharp reviewed were much longer.

Ms. Sharp stated that Laura Fiffick, Director of Office of Environmental Management, is thinking about conducting an environmental audit for the City of Dallas.

EHC Goals and Accomplishments for 2005-2006

James Mitchell, EHC

Mr. James Mitchell provided the commission a copy of the Annual Report. He suggested that the commission members review the documentation. All commission members agreed on the Annual Report and requested that the Annual Report be submitted with a few corrections.

Open Government Training Video

Patsy Mitchell, Assistant Director

Ms. Patsy Mitchell informed the commission that effective January 1, 2006 the state law requires all local officials to be trained on open meetings and open records. The City Secretary's Office prepared a training module to be presented to all boards and commissions. Ms. Mitchell provided the training video to the commission.

Commission Reports

None

Staff Reports

None

Public Comment

The representatives from the Greater Dallas Chamber stated that there is now a forum planned on avian flu preparedness that will include a presentation by Dr. Carlo.

Adjournment

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Signature: James E. Mitchell, Chair, Environmental Health Commission