



**City of Dallas**

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION**  
**Dallas City Hall – 1500 Marilla, L1FN Conference Room “C”**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**April 4, 2005**  
**9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present**

James Mitchell, Chair  
Diane Benjamin  
Carol Barnett Davis  
Jon (Tad) Heimbürger  
Keith Kwoh  
Tom Peck  
Casie Pierce  
Barbara Pittman  
Christopher Schultz  
Mary Warner

**Members Absent**

**Public Present**

None

**Staff Present**

Patsy Mitchell, Interim Assistant Director, EHS  
Rodger Jayroe, Manager, Environmental Assessments, EHS  
Lilia V. 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 March 7, 2005 meeting were approved unanimously.

**Rodger Jayroe, Manager, Environmental Assessments**

**West Nile Virus Update**

Mr. Rodger Jayroe stated that the West Nile Virus started in the U.S. in 1999. The outbreak started in New York and since has covered almost the entire country. The first case in Dallas was in 2002. In 2003, there were 40 human cases. In 2004, the numbers went down to 7 human cases.

West Nile Virus is not the only mosquito borne disease. The most prevalent mosquito borne disease in this area is St. Louis Encephalitis and mostly affecting horses. Mr. Jayroe provided the commission with a copy of his presentation.

Areas being sprayed are 1 mile in diameter from where the positive bird or mosquito is found. The spray kills the mosquito on contact. Spraying occurs in the evening hours.

Mrs. Benjamin requested educational material to share at the homeowner's association for her area.

Mrs. Benjamin asked how effective the spraying was. Mr. Jayroe mentioned that people think it is an unwise use of pesticide. The concern is the immunity to pesticide that the mosquito develops.

Mr. Tad Heimburger asked if there is any other habitat conducive for mosquitos. Mr. Jayroe provided the commission with a copy of the mosquito brochure.

Ms. Barbara Pittman shared to the commission material from the CDC on Stormwater Management.

Mr. Jayroe stated that the website is being worked on. Links can be accessed through [www.dallascityhall.org](http://www.dallascityhall.org).

### **Commission Reports**

Mr. Tad Heimburger spoke to Mrs. Laura Fiffick, Director of Environmental Quality, to advise him on a land development issue. Mrs. Fiffick requested comments concerning energy efficient building for affordable housing.

Mr. James Mitchell asked that Mr. Heimburger coordinate with Mrs. Lilia Gonzalez items for the agenda for the May 2, 2005 meeting. Mr. Mitchell will be out of town and therefore will not be able to set up the agenda.

### **Staff Reports**

Mr. Mitchell requested a status on the Food Ordinance. Ms. Patsy Mitchell mentioned that at the previous Health, Environment and Human Services Committee the food ordinance was still in process at the City Attorney's Office. Food Protection & Education is in the process of converting the food inspection program to the new computerized system.

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Mr. David Howe updated the commission on the Municipal Setting Designations (MSD). He stated that it will be in Council by June 13<sup>th</sup> at the latest. There are a few policy issues that need guidance from the HEHS committee. MSD should be briefed to HEHS in April.

**Public Comment**

None

**Adjournment**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

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