



City of Dallas

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
Dallas City Hall – 1500 Marilla, L1FN Conference Room “C”
Regular Meeting
May 2, 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
Lilia V. Gonzalez, Coordinator, EHS

Minutes

Mr. James Mitchell, Chair, called the regular meeting of the Environmental Health Commission to order at 9:02 a.m. The minutes from the April 4, 2005 meeting were approved unanimously.

Jack Tidwell, NCTCOG

Developing Excellence

Mr. Tidwell is in the environmental field with an urban planning specialty. He's been employed with NCTCOG for about sixteen years. Mr. Tidwell informed the commission that North Central Texas Council of Governments work very diligently to be responsive as possible to environmental needs.

Environmental excellence and development excellence stems from a strategic plan that was adopted in 1999-2000. Part of the strategic plan included an effort to develop sustainable environmental excellence by the year 2025. A copy of Mr. Tidwell's presentation was provided to the commission.

Commission Reports

Mr. Mitchell asked the commission to give him feedback on not only talking about spraying in the West Nile Virus season but also in the winter where populations are small.

Ms. Benjamin suggested that the commission write a letter to the editor in reference to bats and West Nile Virus. She believes it is a wonderful opportunity and a positive for communities.

Mrs. Warner suggested that the commission write to Dallas Morning News and ask where they could get their own bat house.

Mr. Mitchell asked the commission to forward opinions on the West Nile Virus/Bat Houses issue so that a letter can be formed and sent to the Dallas Morning News.

Staff Reports

None

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

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

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