

## Health, Environment and Human Services Committee Meeting Record

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**Meeting Date:** March 28, 2005

**Start Time:** 10:39 a.m.

**Adjournment:** 12:02 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:**

Lois G. Finkelman, Chair  
Veletta Forsythe-Lill  
Absent: James Fantroy

Leo V. Chaney, Jr., Vice-Chair  
Dr. Elba Garcia

**City Staff Present:**

Ramon Miguez, Assistant City Manager  
Jody Puckett, Sanitation Services  
Cheritta Johnson, Sanitation Services  
Danielle McClelland, PIO  
Tozi Tijerina, EHS

Jill Jordan, Assistant City Manager  
Karen D. Rayzer, EHS  
David Miller, EHS  
Ahsan Khan, EHS  
Renee Johnson, EHS

**AGENDA:**

1. **Approval of Minutes for March 7, 2005 Meeting**

**Presenter:** Lois G. Finkelman, Chair

**Action Taken:**

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2005 meeting as submitted.

**Motion made by:** Dr. Garcia

**Motion seconded by:** Ms. Lill

**Passed Unanimously**

2. **Residential Recycling Demonstration Six-Month Update/Sanitation Services Public Information**

**Presenters:** Ramon Miguez, Assistant City Manager  
Jody Puckett, Director for Sanitation Services  
Cheritta Johnson, Assistant Director for Sanitation Services  
Danielle McClelland, Public Information Office

**Information Only:** X

**Committee Recommendation(s):**

Mr. Chaney would like to see a full year of education on the residential recycling demonstration pilot program in lower economic areas before expanding it district wide.

Ms. Lill would like to see rolling out the recycling program citywide as part of the discussion of the upcoming budget. She also would like staff to take another look at once-a-week garbage pickup in FY 2005-06. She also suggested a basic plan of how things would be rolled out and also making some comparisons on expenditures for each different kind of program, how much that costs in the budget, and those kinds of things.

Dr. Garcia would like to see some education funds for media advertisement included in the budget.

**Follow-Up:**

Committee requested staff consider an option of including an additional neighborhood (as suggested by Mr. Chaney) in the demonstration program or maintain the program with the four current neighborhoods.

Additional Council briefings and neighborhood leader discussions are needed to reassure Council that the recycling program is successful and can be implemented.

Staff recommended bringing back to full Council, possibly in June, cost information and a discussion expanding the demonstration program to other areas as an alternative.

3. **Ozone Plan Update – 2005 Ozone Season**

**Presenter:** David Miller, Manager (Air Pollution) for Environmental & Health Services

**Information Only:** X

**Follow-Up:**

Committee would like to see in the next year the numbers for Tier I implementation. Because Tier I has to be completed at a minimum, this is not an option any longer. The City Council should also receive some information on this because they need to lead by example.

It is important that the City begin to have quantifiable results and to be able to tell what it has been able to achieve as an organization.

In regards to Tier III, City has to be able to justify that it is cost effective, environmentally friendly, and that the vehicles are in safe condition.

4. **Food Protection & Education Program and Website**

**Presenter:** Ahsan Khan, Manager (Food Protection) for Environmental & Health Services

**Information Only:** X

**Follow-Up:**

Ms. Finkelman and Ms. Lill want the change in the Food Code to have come through Committee and on a Council Agenda for action before they leave office.

Because of the diverse population in the city of Dallas, staff needs to ensure that food handler training is available in different languages.

5. **West Dallas Multipurpose Center Program Discussion**

**Presenter:** Tozi Tijerina, Manager (WDMP Center) for Environmental & Health Services

**Information Only:** X

**Recommendation(s):**

Dr. Garcia would like to see a Technology Center for job training and ESL classes at the Center.

**Follow-Up:**

Staff to provide memorandum on UDAG funding status.

6. **Martin Luther King Jr. Center Program Discussion**

**Presenter:** Renee Johnson, Manager (MLK Center) for Environmental and Health Services

**Information Only:** X

**Recommendation(s):**

Staff should initiate some conversations with Southwestern Bell to enable people to pay telephone bills at the Utility Pay Stations at both Centers.

**Follow-Up:**

Staff to provide to Dr. Garcia a racial breakdown of persons accessing MLK Center.

Mr. Chaney stated an effort was going to be made to get the funding needed to continue the Technology Center.