



City of Dallas

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
Dallas City Hall – 1500 Marilla, L1FN Conference Room “C”
Regular Meeting
December 1, 2008
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

MINUTES

Members Present

Sheron C. Patterson
Keith Kwoh
Sylvia Lagos
Meredith McQuiston
Mandy Valasek
Susan R. Rader
Mary Warner
Kedra Williams

Members Absent

Diane Benjamin
Cheryl S. Camin
David J. Metzler
Reginald Seastrunk
Linda Sharp

Staff Present

Monique Smith, Diabetes Awareness Prevention Program
Dilip R. Shah, Assistant Director, EHS
David Howe, City Attorney's Office
Lilia V. Gonzalez, EHS

Public Present

None

Minutes

Ms. Sheron C. Patterson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Minutes from the November 3, 2008 meeting were approved unanimously with minor changes.

Obesity

Monique Smith, Manager, DAPP, EHS

Ms. Monique Smith is the Manager of the Diabetes Awareness Prevention Program (DAAP). Ms. Smith presented an overview of the extent of diabetes. She informed the commission of other health problems associated with the disease. In young children, diabetes is attributed to eating junk foods and lack of exercise. From 1999 – 2002, the National Health Nutrition shows that 1/3 of all adults are obese. There are about 30% of adults 20 years of age and older are obese. The percentage of children that are overweight continues to increase.

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Ms. Smith informed the commission that the City of Dallas, Diabetes Awareness Prevention Program began a process of development the tools to measure the success rate of Diabetes within the city. She also informed the commission that the DAPP program is located at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center. The program began in 1996 as diabetes counseling. The purpose is education citizens of the disease. She also mentioned that South Dallas has the largest number of citizen with diabetes.

Ms. Smith also informed the commission that all educational brochures and flyers are available in Spanish.

A copy of Ms. Smith's presentation was not provided to the commission

Commission Reports

Dr. Patterson informed the commission that Ms. Cheryl Camin is working on the anti-idling letter. Ms. Camin is working with Brett Wilkinson, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, on determining who the letter would be forwarded to.

Mr. Tad Heimburger suggested that each commission member speak to their respective councilmember on the smoking ordinance.

Dr. Patterson also informed the commission that Mr. Kevin Lefebvre will be asked to give an update on the Mayoral Environmental Awards next month.

Staff Reports

None

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.