



City of Dallas

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
Dallas City Hall – 1500 Marilla, L1FN Conference Room “C”
Regular Meeting
February 9, 2009
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

MINUTES

Members Present

Sheron C. Patterson
Tad Heimburger
Diane Benjamin
Cheryl S. Camin
Keith Kwoh
Meredith McQuiston
Russell Scott
Linda Sharp
Susan R. Rader

Members Absent

Sylvia Lagos
David J. Metzler
Reginald Seastrunk
Mandy Valasek
Mary Warner
Kedra Williams

Staff Present

Kevin Lefebvre, OEQ
David Howe, CAO
Dilip R. Shah, Assistant Director, EHS
Lilia V. Gonzalez, EHS

Public Present

None

Minutes

Ms. Sheron C. Patterson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Minutes from the January 5, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously.

Update on Mayoral Environmental Awards

Kevin Lefebvre, Office of Environmental Quality

Mr. Kevin Lefebvre reviewed applications from several organizations with the commission for the Mayoral Environmental Awards. Mr. Lefebvre is working with the Mayor's office on organizing a breakfast on Wednesday, April 8, 2009 in the flag room in City Hall before a Council meeting. Participants will be recognized and the winners will be awarded by the Mayor.

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2008 Annual Report

Sheron C. Patterson, Chair

Mrs. Lilia V. Gonzalez informed the commission that the annual report is due to the Mayor and City Councilmembers. Ms. Gonzalez also informed the commission that highlights and accomplishments for 2008 would have to be included. The commission decided to include Mayoral Environmental Awards and the anti-idling ordinance for the highlights and accomplishments category.

The commission discussed a few ideas for 2009. EHC will revise and/or modify the Mayoral Environmental Awards. Other ideas discussed included, emergency preparedness, disaster preparedness with county officials, and anti-idling.

Dr. Sheron C. Patterson informed the commission that she would try and meet with Councilmember Linda Koop for more 2009 accomplishments. Dr. Patterson would also ask if Councilmember Koop would come to the next EHC meeting or have a report.

Commission Reports

Ms. Cheryl Camin informed the commission that in order for EHC to submit the letter in reference to the anti-idling ordinance on behalf of the commission, it will need to be approved by the legislative committee. Ms. Camin contacted city staff and was informed that according to the code 8.2.6, the letter would have to go through the whole process and be approved by the legislative commission.

Staff Reports

None

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

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