



City of Dallas

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
Dallas City Hall – 1500 Marilla, L1FN Conference Room “C”
Regular Meeting
May 4, 2009
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

MINUTES

Members Present

Tad Heimbürger
Kedra Williams
Sylvia Lagos
Rebecca Rader
Diane Benjamin
David J. Metzler
Keith Kwoh
Russell Scott
Cheryl S. Camin
Sheron C. Patterson

Members Absent

Linda Sharp
Mandy Valasek
Mary Warner
Reginald Seastrunk
Meredith McQuiston

Staff Present

Lilia V. Gonzalez, EHS

Public Present

Yolanda C. Crosley, La Voz Del Anciano
Dr. John Carlo, Dallas County
Zachary Thompson, Dallas County

Minutes

Ms. Sheron C. Patterson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Minutes from the April 6, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously.

Swine Flu Dallas Update

Dr. John Carlo and

Dr. John Carlos informed the commission that there is a new virus that is human to human transmissible and infectious. As to date, people with severe symptoms have resembled seasonal flu. The flu is another bug that passes just like the seasonal flu. There are a few cases confirmed as being swine flu. Seven cases are in Dallas County.

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Dr. Carlo also informed the commission that they have completed their initial tasks and challenges which were to alert the public, being active in investigations, counter measure planning, and demobilization. Dr. Carlos updated the commission on specifics and ongoing activities.

Dr. Carlo mentioned that they are working with Office of Emergency Management and Environmental and Health Services Department. He stated that Mr. Kenny Shaw, Director of OEM and Dr. Madge Barnes of EHS have been excellent in making sure that the public is aware and learn about prevention. For more information log on to www.dallascounty.org and click on the Health and Human Services link and it will take you to the swine flu website.

Meeting Structure

Dr. Sheron C. Patterson, Chair, EHC

Dr. Patterson informed the commission that the City Charter has a code of conduct that helps move through meetings and items with more structure. Dr. Patterson went over the code of conduct rules with all commission members.

Selection of Environment/Health Issue

Dr. Sheron C. Patterson, Chair, EHC

Dr. Patterson stated that in order to fuel each ones passions and individuals interests each member will need to select a topic of interest. This includes researching the topic of interest and presenting a brief 20 minutes information session to the commission. The list is as follows:

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| • Rain Harvesting | Rebecca Rader |
| • Recycling & Industrial Recycling Zone | Tad Heimburger |
| • Paved Front Yards | Sylvia Lagos |
| • Stimulus Package | Cheryl S. Camin |
| • Community Gardens | Russell Scott |
| • Traffic Lights | Keith Kwoh |
| • Obesity | Sheron C. Patterson |
| • MEAA Awards 2010 | Kevin Lefebvre & Rebecca Rader |

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Commission Reports

None

Staff Reports

None

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

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