

City of Jacksonville, Florida
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD
Monday, February 11, 2013
5:00 p.m.

Meeting Summary

Members Present

Steven T. Jenkins, Chairman (arrived 5:20 pm)
Michelle Tappouni, Vice Chairman
Bobby L. Baker, P.E.
Tony C. Bellamy, P.E.
Gary Bowers, M.D.
Nick Howland (arrived 5:19 pm)
Lucinda Sonnenberg, Ph.D. (arrived 5:05 pm)
Michelle L. Mahoney, P.E.

Members Not Present

None

Staff/ Resources Present

Terrance Ashanta-Barker, Director
Vince Seibold, P.E., Chief
James Richardson, EPB Administrator
Ruby Tucker, Executive Secretary I
Cherry Shaw, OGC
Steve Pace, Environmental Engineering Manager Senior
Dana Brown, Environmental Enforcement Administrator
Nick Zelaya, Grant Coordinator EECGG

Visitors

Jay Worley, JEA
Sarah Boren, USGBC N FL Chapter
Scott Shine
Ben Moore

Call to Order

Vice-Chair Michelle Tappouni called the regular meeting of the Environmental Protection Board (EPB) to order at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman's Remarks

None.

Approval of January Board Minutes

Vice-Chair Tappouni entertained a motion to approve the meeting summary of the January Board Meeting, which was properly seconded and approved by the body.

Program Administrator Report

EPB Administrator James Richardson shared the following:

- The Water Education Festival at the Museum of Science and History (MOSH) on Saturday, February 2nd was very successful and over 3,000 people attended. Staff is working with MOSH to plan the Clean Air Festival to be held in October.
- The Jacksonville Harbor Deepening Project will release their draft report in April with a public meeting in May.
- The State of the River Report funding request was approved by the Mayor's Budget Review Committee (MBRC) and will go before City Council for approval.

Department Report

Vince Seibold, Chief of the Environmental Quality Division, reported the following:

- A City Council Ad-hoc Subcommittee is reviewing the Metro Park Noise issue and staff will keep the board advised as things progress.
- The Environmental Symposium planning is underway and this year a call for papers will be disseminated to determine the presentation topics.

Approval of January Committee Minutes

Vice-Chair Tappouni entertained a motion to approve the meeting summaries for both the Water Committee and the Air and Odor Committee for the month of January. The motions were properly seconded and approved by the body.

Consent Agenda

(Water)

- Wen South, LLC (WP-12-35)
- Wal-Mart Stores East, LP (WP-12-26)

(Air/Odor)

- JEA (AP-12-44)
- Renessenz, LLC (AP-12-42)

Vice-Chair Tappouni entertained a motion to approve the above consent orders which was properly seconded and approved by the body.

Legislative Update

Dana Brown, Environmental Enforcement Administrator shared the following:

- HB109 - Consumptive Use Permits for Development of Alternative Water Supplies – will allow consumptive use permits for development of alternative water supplies to be extended from 20 years to 30 year terms; and an additional 7 year grace period if bonds are issued.
- A bill has been filed which will allow the extension of a contract to a qualified vendor whether the contractor has an outstanding case.

Vice-Chair Tappouni passed the gavel to Chair Steven Jenkins at 5:20 p.m.

Presentation(s)

Sustainability - Sarah Boren, USGBC N FL Chapter made a brief presentation before the Board entitled "A Few Sustainability Efforts Around NE Florida" (copy of presentation available).

USGBC NF represents:

- 11 counties
- 240 + members
- 1500 + active followers
- 60 + active volunteers
- 880+ LEED Accredited Professionals
- 63 LEED certified projects
- 170 LEED registered projects
- 6.6 million certified sf
- BOA Tower & 6 Affordable Homes

The Chapter's Vision

Create sustainable communities and green buildings for all in North Florida within this generation.

Mission

Promote sustainable communities and green buildings for all of North Florida through open, collaborative education, leadership and action.

The Sustainability Resource Center's anticipated impact is 45,000 visits annually, training by multiple groups, 1 million economic impacts, and an applied internship. The Mobile Unit will take the education and inspiration out into the community.

Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Update

Nick Zelaya, Grant Coordinator EECBG, made a presentation before the Board (a copy of presentation available). The City of Jacksonville was awarded \$7.8 million from the Department of Energy for energy efficiency and conservation programs.

The program included audits and retrofits of City of Jacksonville Public Buildings

- 39 public buildings
- Lighting & HVAC System upgrades (Ed Ball, St. James, Main Library, EOC, PMB, Fleet Control)
- Utility Monitoring System (300 bldgs.)
- Sports Lighting Controls (27 ball parks)

Program projects and partnerships with agencies

Duval County Public Schools (gym lighting / occupancy sensors)

Downtown / Urban Core Energy Savings Measures (368 solar parking meters)

Downtown Energy Reduction (5 large building participated)

Green Energy Tech Training Programs - Community Rehabilitation Center / Florida State College at Jacksonville.

Energy Efficiency Innovation (Tree Hill Nature Center / JFRD Solar Water Heaters)

Community Initiatives (JEA attic insulation of 629 homes)

The Museum of Science & History (MOSH) retrofit of LED lights / HVAC controls

Neptune Beach PV Project

The Next Steps: Establishment of a Sustainability Office and implementation of a sustainability Strategy – Phase I (internal) and Phase II (external)

Public Hearing Petition for Rule Making

Chair Jenkins suspended the Board Meeting at 6:16 p.m. in order to conduct the Public Hearing for a Petition for Rulemaking – JEPB Rule 4.

Mr. Jenkins reconvened the Board Meeting at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Old Business

- Open Variances – no report
- Riverside Duck Pond Maintenance – no update
- Tree Hill Geothermal Project – staff will present in March or April a proposed study structure

New Business

There was no new business to come before the EPB.

Board Member Tappouni suggested that the agenda be modified when public hearings are scheduled so that there are no presentations.

A brief discussion occurred regarding the 30 day rule concerning a Petition for Rulemaking with a suggestion that the time be extended from 30 days to 60 days. The Chair indicated that he will assign a subcommittee to review the provisions in Rule 1.

Comments from the Public

None.

Item(s) referred to Committees

Rulemaking for JEPB Rule 4 was referred to the Air & Odor Committee.
(The item was subsequently determined to be scheduled for the full EPB instead)

Next Board Meeting Date

Monday, March 11, 2013

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted