

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD
City of Jacksonville
Wednesday, September 18, 2013
4:30 p.m.

Air Odor and Noise Committee Meeting Summary

Members Present:

Tony Bellamy, P.E., Chair
Bobby L. Baker, P.E.
Mobeen Rathore, M.D.

Members Not Present:

Michelle Tappouni

Staff/Resources Present:

James Richardson, EPB Administrator
Jody Brooks, OGC
Steve Pace, P.E., Environmental Engineering Manager Senior
Dana Brown, Environmental Enforcement Administrator

Visitors:

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tony Bellamy called the meeting to order at 4: 33 p.m.

ENFORCEMENT

Board Cases

Dana Brown, Environmental Enforcement Administrator, stated that there were no consent orders to be presented to the Board for approval.

Ms. Brown provided an update on the Endo Exo Consent Order with Compliance Plan/SEP approved by the Board which has a non-compliance issue. Staff is currently in discussion with with OGC to determine how to proceed on the non-compliance and has scheduled an inspection.

Legislative Update

Ms. Brown shared that the State has announced there will be a budget surplus this year. Agencies have also been informed they will have to put proposed 5% budget cuts in writing for the legislature. FDEP's proposed budget will be available in a month or two.

Congress is currently looking at the Climate Change Action Plan proposed by the President. EQD Staff prepared and submitted a white paper and other related materials to Tony Hill who handles Federal legislative issues for the City of Jacksonville.

MONTHLY COMPLAINTS

Air and Odor Complaints (August)

Steve Pace, P.E., Environmental Engineering Manager Senior, reported the following:

- 1 air pollution complaint was received and validated.
- 1 nuisance complaint was received and investigated with 0 complaint(s) being validated
- 14 odor complaints were received and investigated of which 4 were validated
- 0 open burning permits were issued
- 1 open burning complaint was received and investigated with 0 being validated

Noise Complaints (August)

Mr. Pace reported the following:

- 20 noise complaints were received
- 5 warning letters were issued
- 2 complaints were referred to the Jacksonville Sherriff's Office (JSO)

Mr. Pace reported that decibel readings were taken in Seattle during a Seahawks football game and the noise reading was 131.9 decibels, the loudest stadium reading for noise.

Referring to a handout distributed to the Committee titled "Ground-Level Ozone Falling Faster Than Model Predicted", Mr. Pace stated that the models used to predict the ozone reductions have been under predicted. The ozone standard is 75 parts per billion (ppb) which EPA may modify by lowering the standard. A list of the COJ Ambient Air Monitoring Networks site names, pollutants monitored and map was reviewed with the hourly data recovery rate report. Mr. Pace provided a brief explanation of the criterion pollutants which the federal government has established for primary and secondary standards.

It was mentioned that EPA has requested that staff set up a super site for monitoring PM 2.5 which will also require monitoring of near road Nox.

Mr. Pace shared that Jacksonville has the highest asthma rate among children and in Zone 1, it is higher than anywhere else. The Health Zone 1 Study would be great for the COJ but with the budget cuts staff is not available to assist in data collection. Mr. Richardson asked if it is possible to have professionals in the community to collect data. Mr. Pace replied that he is not familiar with anyone nor does staff have the resources or time to conduct the research. A brief discussion ensued with the Board regarding the possibility as part of the proposed study to fund a person to collect the data.

Mr. Richardson stated that staff had discussion with Dr. Prabhu, Region 4 EPA offices and with the Health Planning Council of North Florida regarding the study. Dr. Prabhu left the country therefore the study has been delayed and staff's focus has shifted. The scope of the study will need to be defined. Staff hopes that Board Member Dr. Rathore may be able to identify another physician with the background of Dr. Prabhu to work with staff to

define the scope of the study. Once the scope of the study is defined the cost associated to build a proposal will be prepared. Discussion continued regarding individuals or institutions that this could be a research opportunity for - analyzing data, correlating data, funding availability, parameters to review, defining the scope, etc. Staff will continue to research possible options and return to the Board at a later date.

DEPARTMENTAL REMARKS

James Richardson, EPB Administrator shared the following:

- Scott Trebatoski, Acting Chief is out of the office sick this week.
- One of the two Executive Secretary positions proposed to be cut has been restored to EQD. This position will be a hybrid position serving the EPB and the Division Chief.
- Staff has partnered with FDEP to coordinate the 2013 Clean Air Festival which will held at the Museum of Science and History (MOSH) on Saturday, October 12, 2013 from 10am to 4pm
- He made a presentation before the Soil & Water Conservation Board to share the role of the Board. There was a discussion regarding potential ways the two boards can work together.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- **Open Variances**

Daniel Hlaig, JEA, provided an update on several variances held by JEA and stated that the Segment 4 River Crossing and the Riverside Water Main projects have been completed. The transmission tower repairs have also had no complaints.

- **Health Zone 1 Study**

(Discussed under Monthly Complaints)

- **Metro Park Noise**

Proposed temporary legislation has been submitted to council and is going through the legislation process.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

None.

ITEMS FORWARDED TO STEERING COMMITTEE

None.

DATE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, October 23, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Air and Odor Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruby Tucker, Executive Secretary I
Environmental Protection Board