

**Air Odor Noise Committee**

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**City of Jacksonville, Florida  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD**

Monday, August 14, 2017

**Meeting Summary**

**Members Present**

Nick Howland, Chair  
Gabriel DuPree  
Lucinda Sonnenberg, Ph.D.

Michelle Tappouni  
David Wood

**Members not Present**

Amy Fu, P.E., Vice Chair  
Roi Dagan, M.D.

Bobby Baker, P.E.

**Staff/Resources Present**

James Richardson, EPB Administrator  
Jeff Close, OGC  
Melissa Long, EQD Chief

Tree Kilbourn, EQD Enforcement  
Mike Williams, EQD Air Branch  
Patricia Gee-Jones

**Visitor(s)**

Wayne Young, JEA  
Steve Patterson, FTU  
Andrew Sears, JEA  
John Nooney

Brian Gaines, JEA  
Gage Miller, Golder  
Chris Mattox  
Jason Evert

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Nick Howland called the monthly meeting of the Environmental Protection Board (EPB) to order at 5:04 p.m.

**NICK HOWLAND**

**I. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

None.

**II. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Mr. John Nooney expressed support for an artificial reef in the river. He also suggested that residents of Secret Cove should assess themselves for removal of debris in Pottsburg Creek.

### III. CONSENT ORDERS

**TREE KILBOURN**

(Air/Odor/Noise)  
none  
(Water/Haz Mat)  
none

### IV. ENFORCEMENT REPORT

**TREE KILBOURN**

Ms. Kilbourn offered to respond to any inquiries of the monthly report. There were none.

### V. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- Noise Variance – JEA Main St Well 15  
Meeting was suspended at 5:15 pm to convene public hearing.

Meeting reconvened at 5:44 pm.

### VI. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

### VII. COMMISSION UPDATES

Waterways Commission – Ms. Tappouni shared that CW Boyer had asked she and Dr. White to convene a task force to determine what, if anything, might be needed to prevent algal blooms in the St. Johns River. She shared that a report was done with the assistance of John Flowe, EQD, and shared with the commission. It was well received and focused on education and outreach efforts needed. CW Boyer asked for regular reports moving forward.

KJB Commission – None.

### VIII. EPB ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

**JAMES RICHARDSON**

- The EPB Chair position is up September 30<sup>th</sup>, therefore the Board will need to begin thinking of potential leadership for a new chair (voted at the September Board meeting)
- The Jacksonville Environmental Luncheon will be September 8<sup>th</sup> at UNF.
- Remainder of the Symposium to be held on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

### IX. ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY DIVISION REPORT

**MELISSA LONG**

- The Neighborhoods Department budget process is underway (Neighborhoods will be before City Council on August 24<sup>th</sup>)
- The International Coastal Cleanup is scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are welcome.

### X. OLD BUSINESS

None.

### XI. NEW BUSINESS

- JEPB Annual Environmental Awards  
EPO Chair Tappouni thanked the committee for their deliberations and shared the recommendations of award recipients.

A motion to approve the recommendations was made (Sonnenberg) properly seconded (Wood) and approved by the body.

Dr. Sonnenberg initiated discussion of the possibility of the board sending something to the Council supporting the call by two members asking for a public forum on the river dredging. After some discussion, a motion to send correspondence to the Council President encouraging a public forum on the river dredging to include discussion of the environmental impacts was made (Sonnenberg) properly seconded (DuPree) and approved by the body.

The Chair allowed Mr. Nooney to speak. He supported the action just taken.

**XII. ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

None.

**XIII. NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING(s)**

- EPB Committees
  - I. Water Committee – August 28, 2017 at 4:30 pm
  - II. Air & Odor Committee – August 28, 2017 at 5:00 pm
  - III. Education & Public Outreach – August 28, 2017 at 5:30 pm
- EPB Steering Committee – September 6, 2017 at 4:00 pm
- EPB monthly meeting – September 11, 2017 at 5:00 pm

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

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James Richardson, EPB Administrator

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## **Recommendation from the EPB Education & Public Outreach Committee** **2017 EPB Environmental Awards**

### **2017 Charles E. Bennett – Champion of the Environment Award**

**William D. Brinton (posthumous)** – for longtime commitment to scenic beauty and the environment.

### **2017 Christi P. Veleta Environmental Award**

**Sarah Boren** – for more than a decade of relentlessly educating individuals, policy-makers, community leaders, and industry professionals about green building practices and benefits.

### **2017 EPB Environmental Achievement Awards**

#### **2017 EPB-DCPS Environmental Champion Award**

**Korry VanWagoner** – Twin Lakes Academy Elementary School (approved at May 2017 meeting)

#### **Government/Institutional**

**UNF Environmental Center** – for developing and supporting interdisciplinary research and educational programs that address the needs of Northeast Florida

#### **Community/Civic**

**Groundwork Jacksonville** - Groundwork Jacksonville is the city's primary non-profit partner specifically created to remediate and redevelop the Emerald Necklace.

#### **Individual**

**Alyssa Bourgoyne** – for exceptional service to the community and the organization during the extended vacancy of the organization's Executive Director.

#### **Business**

**Florida East Coast Railway** – for conversion of their entire mainline locomotive fleet from diesel fuel to LNG which substantially reduces CO2 and NoX emissions.

#### **Environmental Professional Award**

**Michael Hollingsworth** – for demonstrated leadership, creativity and commitment in support of the environment.