

Air Odor Noise Committee

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City of Jacksonville, Florida
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD
Monday, April 14, 2014
5:00 p.m.
Meeting Summary

Members Present

Steven T. Jenkins, Chair
Bobby L. Baker, P.E.
Tony C. Bellamy, P.E.
Amy Y. Fu, P.E.

Nick Howland
Mobeen Rathore, M.D.
Lucinda Sonnenberg, Ph.D.
Michelle Tappouni, Vice Chair

Members Not Present

Gary Bowers, M.D.

Staff/ Resources Present

James Richardson, EPB Administrator
Jody Brooks, OGC
John Shellhorn, Acting EQD Chief

Steve Pace, Senior Environmental Engineering
Manager
Tree Kilbourn, EQD Enforcement

Visitors

Stacy Ferguson, Haskell
Steve Patterson, Florida Times-Union
Melissa Long, FDEP

Kim Pryor, Preservation SOS
Gloria Devall, Preservation SOS
Ed Salem, Steward Holdings

Call to Order

Chair Steven Jenkins called the monthly meeting of the Environmental Protection Board (EPB) to order at 5:02 p.m.

Chairman's Remarks

Chair Jenkins had no remarks.

Approval of March Board Minutes

Chair Jenkins entertained a motion to approve the EPB meeting summary of the March 10, 2014 Board Meeting (Sonnenberg) which was properly seconded (Bellamy) and approved by the body.

Approval of March Committee Minutes

Chair Jenkins entertained a motion to approve the summary of the March 17, 2014 EPB Water Committee Meeting (Baker) which was properly seconded (Rathore) and approved by the body.

Chair Jenkins entertained a motion to approve the summary of the March 19, 2014 EPB Air & Odor Committee Meeting (Tappouni) which was properly seconded (Bellamy) and approved by the body.

Consent Agenda

(Air/Odor/Noise)

- There were no consent order(s)

(Water/Haz Mat)

- There were no consent order(s)

Consent Order Modification(s)

- Rock of Ages – Tree Kilbourn shared that the Rock of Ages project asked that a modification to the supplemental environmental project contained within their consent order be given to extend the deadline. No one was present at that time. Ms. Kilbourn advised that they were not in compliance with the deadlines set in the CO. They requested the extension after the deadline had passed. EQD staff had no recommendation for the board. The deadline was the end of March 2014 and they were requesting an extension to the end of April 2014. Following discussion by the board, a motion was made to approve the extension request (Tappouni) was properly seconded (Sonnenberg) and was defeated (5-3).

Later in the meeting, the applicant, Ed Salem, came to the meeting and asked to be recognized. He explained the request and answered questions of the members. A motion was made to reconsider previous action on the extension request (Baker) which was properly seconded (Rathore) and approved. Mr. Ed Salem, representing Rock of Ages Church, addressed the board and shared details about the project in question and details about the SEP. He stated a portion of the SEP had been done however they experienced a delay with the planting. He expressed confidence that it would be completed by the end of April. A motion was made to approve the extension request (Rathore) which was properly seconded (Sonnenberg) which was approved by the body.

Public Hearing

Chair Jenkins recessed the meeting at 5:20 pm for the public hearing.

The meeting was reconvened at 5:45 pm.

Program Administrator Report

James Richardson submitted his report to the board electronically (copy is attached)

Departmental Report

John Shellhorn, Acting EQD Chief, reported that there was to be a Downtown Cleanup on April 19th followed by the Earth Day Festival. Tree Hill will have their Butterfly Festival on April 26th. He then shared that the meeting would be his last and that he was confident with the choice of Ms. Long.

Michelle Tappouni asked a question about the possibility of EQD enforcement being transferred to FDEP. Mr. Shellhorn stated that Acting Director Scott assured him that was not going to be the case and that the situation might be concerning specific cases. Ms. Tappouni also stated that she was still awaiting a followup from conversations with former Neighborhoods Director Ashanta-Barker concerning pending cases and asked that Mr. Shellhorn follow up for her.

Old Business

- FDEP SOA Update

Mr. Pace gave some background on the FDEP SOA and its importance. He shared that there was to be a meeting in Tampa with all the local programs and FDEP to discuss an SOA template. Further, he received an email from the Acting Director advising that FDEP leadership would be having a meeting with Jacksonville specifically and that he did not need to attend the Tampa meeting. He expressed that with a new Director and a new Division Chief, this could be a positive move to start things new. Discussion ensued and the Board asked that Mr. Shellhorn share their concern that Jacksonville would not be present at

the meeting with other local programs and asked that the decision to not send EQD staff be revisited.

New Business

- **EPB Earth Day Poster Contest Winners**
Mr. Richardson shared that the EPB Education & Public Outreach Committee voted on winners for the poster contest in 4 of the 5 categories and shared the names. (listing is attached). A motion was made to approve the list of winners (Sonnenberg) which was properly seconded (Rathore) and approved by the Body.
- **From Air Committee – Renessenz**
Air Committee Chair shared that following several months of complaints raised during public comments regarding odors from the Renessenz plant, they were asked to appear before the Air Committee and that they declined to do so. Chair Jenkins shared that this was discussed during the Steering Committee meeting and that

there is no specific action for the Board to take. Discussion ensued and it was decided that the Board could direct staff to send a letter, on behalf of the Board, stating a formal request for Renessenz to appear at an Air Committee meeting to discuss operations and address complaints from residents concerning odors from their plant. EPB Counsel shared that a letter would be in order, if they chose to do so. A motion was made to send a formal request from the Board to Renessenz (Rathore) which was properly seconded (Sonnenberg) and approved by the body.

Comments from the Public

Kim Pryor addressed the board and asked status of consent order by MCC against a hauler. She further raised concerns over NESHAP violations involving demolitions with asbestos abatement that were overseen by MCC. She shared information about several alleged violations against contractors and MCC Chie Scott and shared concerns that the individual was now being put forth as the Director of the Department and that she was directing staff to not attend a meeting with FDEP where asbestos issues were to be discussed.

Gloria Devall shared concerns with federal NSP monies to be used for demolitions that was not being spent correctly. She shared that there were several demolitions occurring in the community that are not being done correctly and asked the board to check into it.

Chair Jenkins clarified that the EPB was established by the State and City Council and was not under the Director and that EQD was established to implement and enforce rules of the EPB and that they appreciated the raising of these issues.

There was some discussion among the members with Mr. Pace explaining how EQD carries out the asbestos program and how the authority under which they do so. After further discussion, Chair Jenkins advise that he would discuss the issue with staff and counsel during the next Steering Committee meeting.

The Board thanked Mr. Shellhorn for his time served as Acting Chief of EQD.

Item(s) referred to Committees

Asbestos – Steering Committee

Next Scheduled Board Meeting(s)

Monday, May 12, 2014 at 5 pm.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

James Richardson, Program Administrator
Environmental Protection Board