

Special Community Environmental Advisory Commission Meeting of June 27, 2002.

FINAL ACTION MINUTES

I. **Roll Call: Present** - MacKusick, Clear, Krumme, Luten, Bianco, Wood. Absent: Caseber, Moret, Chatterjee.

Chair, MacKusick. **Vice Chair**, Bianco. **Secretary**, N. Al-Hadithy. **Aide**, J. Tulloch

II. Report From Chair:

Chair invited to attend Waterfront joint meeting July 9 at 4:30.

III. Announcements from Commissioners:

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V. Comments from the Public:

- **Elliot Cohen, Berkeley Citizen** - Address Battery Recycling Item. Like to see proposal adopted. Give 6-month period to pass. Recommend City transport batteries to Alameda County facilities already existing. There are 5 drop-off sites. Provide signs directing to these sites and transportation to these sites.
- **Pamela Sihvola, Committee to Minimize Toxic Waste (CMTW)** - Address issue of current Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL) announcement. 6-7 year Bevatron demolition complex. Shipping over 40,000 legacy radioactive waste. Waste hauled through Berkeley neighborhoods. Proper environmental review required under National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to be submitted to public prior to activities. Propose CEAC put on July agenda.
- **Gene Bernardi, CMTW** - Bevatron demolition involves trucking radioactive waste through Berkeley. Routes are unknown and confidential. Up to 8 truckloads per day through September. Many organizations are concerned about shipment and burial in regular landfill. Sponsor SB2065 to require state dept of health services see that radioactive waste levels kept on file. Phil Klasky of BanWaste.org suggests calling Governor. Also sponsored by Physicians for Social Responsibility. Proposed that regulations on waste transport be weakened to Nuclear Regulatory commission (NRC) and Department of Transportation (DOT). Would like to see this discussed in July Meeting.
- **Martin Bourque, Executive Director of Ecology Center** - Have been using 100% biodiesel for over a year. Main reason was air quality. Second reason was greater community and West Berkeley in particular. Concerned about environmental and social impacts of oil exploration and extraction. Passed for compressed natural gas (CNG) conversion funding on to City in favor of biodiesel. Bio is \$1 more per gallon than regular diesel but cheaper than gas. Also Cheaper per mile for the life of the vehicle. Conversion cost is lower. "From the Fryer to the Fuel Tank" distributed.
- **Dave Williamson, Operations Manager of Ecology Center** - Ecology Center operates daily. Conversion was one appeal because of the greater ease. Large decrease in particulate matter from use of biodiesel by ecology center vehicles. Solid Waste department currently using biodiesel.

VI. Toxics Management Division Staff Report

VII. Action

- Get Battery recycling facilities/address from Cohen.
- Call Gene Bernardi and Pamela Sihvola for copies of documents to be distributed relating to comments made.

VIII. Discussion/Action

- Endorse biodiesel. (M/S/C Bianco/Luten. For: MacKusick, Bianco, Luten, Clear. Abstain: Wood, Krumme. Absent: Chatterjee, Moret, Caseber. FAIL.)
- Amend Draft Battery proposals to include the following: Add to Item 1F of the battery recycling proposal, "Provide secure receptacles (include image), immediately start pickup of batteries at City buildings (with signs) and use all available free local services. For item 1C: "Work with (State) City, County battery recycling programs to coordinate regional battery recycling service. (M/S/C/ Wood/Bianco. For: Unanimous. Absent: Chatterjee, Caseber, Moret.)