



Community Environmental Advisory Commission

**ACTION MINUTES - COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting of June 3, 2010
2118 Milvia St, 1st Floor, Berkeley 94704**

Call to Order and Roll Call: Meeting called to order at 7:05PM

Present: Greg Leventis (Chair), Yelda Mesbah Bartlett, Janet Collins, Richard Harris. Absent: Dennis Mulqueeney. Secretary: Nabil Al-Hadithy, Clerical Aide: Abigail Chente. Vice Chair: Open Position.

Public Comment: (3 members of the public)

David Schroeder – West Berkeley Alliance for Clean Air & Safe Jobs – commended CEAC's work on Pacific Steel Casting.

Joy Brown – Berkeley Public Works (PW) Environmental Compliance Specialist – clarified information on biodiesel specifically regarding its sources or suppliers, Accepted questions from CEAC to answer, some fiscal question must be sent to administrative staff.

Paul Lacourciere – Sirona Fuels executive; produces biofuels locally. Claims biodiesel index was manipulated by Orange Diesel. Expressed concern that city staff has excluded yellow-grease biodiesel.

Secretary Report:

- Toxic Management Division (TMD) reported migrating delays to new Decade software; administration enforcements and inspections are down because of software priorities; brownfield future liabilities and authority of Water Board; Bayer Annual Report; West Berkeley Plan progress; last meeting for clerical aide.

Report from the Chair:

- Priority list of the CEAC discussed. Commissioners may add new priorities.

Commission Actions:

1. Minutes for Approval

Recommendation: Adopt Minutes of May 6, 2010 as written.

Action: Motioned/ Seconded/Carried (Harris/Bartlett).

Votes: Ayes: Bartlett, Collins, Harris, Leventis. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Mulqueeney.

2. Reports from Subcommittees and Taskforce Delegates:

Graywater – Harris clarified that EBMUD has water usage as monthly or annual data, but no sewer data. Provided updates on recent graywater meeting held last Thursday. National Irvine Institute provided support. Staff reported on ease of collecting data from permitted graywater and any other non-potable water as long as staff is trained. No data to be collected if not permitted.

3. Subcommittee.

Biodiesel Subcommittee: Chair appointed Bartlett and Harris to this new subcommittee with Leventis as substitute. Goal of subcommittee would be to look into the Biodiesel financing and contracting and to allow flexibility to purchase the best quality biodiesel at the best cost.

Chair also announced review of West Berkeley Plan as a priority.

4. Election of Vice-Chair.

Recommendation: Leventis nominated Collins for Vice-Chair position.

Action: Motioned/Seconded/Carried (Leventis /Harris).

Votes: Ayes: Bartlett, Collins, Harris, Leventis. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent. Mulqueeney.

5. Regulating Restaurant Smoke.

Recommendation: CEAC needs to establish how big the smoke and odor problem is for medium and small restaurants. Request staff re-send confirmed complaint data from BAAQMD. Most restaurants in Berkeley have no BAAQMD controls. Only chain-driven char-broilers using over 400 lbs of beef a week are controlled. There are exemptions of 800 lbs of beef for under-fired char-broilers. CEAC will gather information from stakeholders and invite the Chamber of Commerce and restaurant industry representatives to gather information and input. Subcommittee needed.

6. Bartlett – Communicated to the Commission about her interest in water fluoridation because it is medication imposed on society as a whole. Chair recommended that she send CEAC information for future meeting and make it one of her priorities.

Other Actions

- Secretary will forward to Timothy Burroughs the information that Leventis sent EBMUD water use.
- The Commission will communicate on Bayer to initiate a public awareness on Bayer's worst scenario. Will ask staff, Disaster and Fire Safety Commission as well as Council.
- Harris will provide EBMUD's outreach on ammonia preparedness to share with Bayer.
- Secretary will help Biodiesel subcommittee needs on financing. Joy Brown will be the PW liaison to take a look at biodiesel purchases.
- Collins still gathering information on Cement and focusing on local gardening.
- Harris will email information on cement to Collins.
- Secretary will send URL for West Berkeley Plan.
- Secretary will report on Remediation on 7.1.10 meeting; Will send data of AQMD complaints; And will send finalized letter intended to the City Council re: Odor Management Plan of PacSteel to West Berkeley Alliance for Clean Air and Safe Jobs

Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.