

City of Philadelphia

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AIR POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

The October meeting of the Air Pollution Control Board was held Tuesday, October 3, 2006, 5:30 PM, at the United Communities of Southeast Philadelphia, The Houston Center, 2029 South 8th Street. Eddie R. Battle, Chairman, presided:

ATTENDING: Joseph O. Minott
Dr. Robert M. Patterson
Izzat Melhem

STAFF: Morris Fine, Director, Air Management Services (AMS)
Thomas Huynh, Regulatory Services Program Manager, AMS
Roger Fey, Chief, Facility Compliance, AMS
Alison Tracy, Voluntary Program Coordinator, AMS
Kathleen Joyce, Assistant to the Director, AMS

GUESTS: David R. Knopton, City Planning Commission
Carlos Cantagena, United Communities of Southeast Phila
Shannon DiMasi, Passyunk Square Civic Assoc
Alex R. Gawey, Clean Air Council
Patrick O'Neill, Law Department

1. Welcome

Mr. Battle called the October meeting of the Air Pollution Control Board (APCB) to order. He introduced and welcomed a new board member Assistant Health Commissioner Izzat Melhem.

The minutes of the meeting of April 20, 2006 were reviewed and approved.

Eddie Battle greeted the attendees.

2. Update

- A. Air Quality Improvement Fund has been set up from the fines and penalties collected by Air Management Services. This funding will be offered to other departments and agencies to be used for project, that will directly or indirectly impact on air quality improvement. Applications to this fund will be accepted as of November 1, 2006. There is currently \$400,000.00 available of which \$140,000.00 has been given to the Fairmount Park Commission for purchase of 400 trees.

- B. Next on the report is the relocation of the monitor at 500 S Broad Street, the City is expecting to vacate this property as of December 31, 2007; the monitor will have to be moved from that parking lot. Because this is a full scale monitor station this move will have to be completed by the end of next year. This monitor is used for the fine particulate monitoring, but also serves as the design monitor for the Philadelphia Non-attainment Region other parts of Pennsylvania, parts of New Jersey and parts of Delaware. A suitable site must be located. We are looking at a site nearby at 13th and Bainbridge that is close to the criteria.

- C. A significant increase Ethylene dibromide (This is 1 of 43 toxics that are traced)
 - Is it actual coming from our area or outside our area?
 - What are area type emissions that would cause this?
 - What are the public health concerns?
 - Increase chance of cancer?
 - Probably affect Children more - takes longer to manifest its self and to recover

- D. The Air Quality Report 2006 through the end of August
 - We projected 117 good days
 - The actual will be 132 days

- E. Dry Cleaning –Perchloroetheylene
 - EPA Fund Dry Cleaners
 - Eliminate use Perchloroetheylene of by 2020
 - Regulations by April probably

- F. Refining model Rule
 - Region Three – NJ, DE, PA WVA, Philadelphia County, Del County
 - Global settlement – MARAMA come up with model rule
 - Concrete design
 - Rule is in draft
 - APCB could take action
 - Website
 - AMS Copy
 - Suggestions
 - Advice

- G. PM2.5 9/21/06
 - EPA announced revision to Fine Particulate Standards
 - Philadelphia Area is in non attainment, but should be in attainment by 2015

State Reports for Philadelphia and Allegheny County

- H. Diesel Fleet
 - Concern - Diesel Fleet on and off the road
 - Voluntary measures to be put in to use
 - Cooperation with Diesel Difference Recognition Program
 - Recognition to use retrofit kits
 - Diesel Difference at Port
 - Government
 - Non government
 - Permitted organizations
 - Outreach
 - 21 Fleets agreed to retrofit with the help of our funds
 - Working on better cooperation

- I. Mercury Rule- State level PA – DEP regulation much more protective than EPA, will have prepared by June 26, 2006
 - Shows better control and with modeling allows enforcement quicker in that area

3. NEW BUSINESS

- A. An issue was presented asking about Auto body shop problems
 - The area Broad to 6th and Washington to Tasker
 - Suggestions made were:
 - 1) Call AMS day or night
 - 2) Make sure they are in compliance and using proper standards
 - 3) They must keep the doors closed
 - 4) When not in compliance AMS should be told of problems AMS will investigate

- B. An issue was presented about trees being planted in Fairmount Park.
 - The Neighborhood has lost many trees, approximately 300 trees in the area that have been removed, and they are interested in replacing them. Is that something we would fund or do we know of a grant that can be requested?
 - Who should they contact?
 - 1) GreenPlan Philadelphia is someone they can contact
 - 2) Contact Bob Allen in the Managing Directors Office

3) The City is putting together a plan to plant 400 trees. Some will be planted in the fall; others have not been dedicated and may perhaps be available.

C. An issue was presented about a problem with a location at 1323 E. Passyunk Ave, between 9th and 10th, named KenCrest that has trucks idling. What can be done?

- 1) Should contact License and Inspection and make sure it is a legal operation
- 2) There are regulations for idling trucks that must be enforced

4. PRESENTATION:

Carlos Cardone of the United Communities of Southeast Philadelphia handed out a fact sheet with an explanation of the demographics of the Center:

- Explained the SE Philly area
- Their work with youth in the area
- It is a low income area
- Families of 4 making approximately \$20,000 or less
- A very mixed area
- Has about a 5 or 6 block radius

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:05 pm

After the meeting Morris Fine gave a presentation about Air Management Services.