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Environmental Justice Advisory Council Organizational Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2016, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
7th Floor Large Conference Room
401 East State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625

Call to Order

11:16 am

Office of Environmental Justice opened the meeting.

Introduction of Commissioner Bob Martin

Introduction of Commissioner Bob Martin and Deputy Commissioner David Glass.

Introduction of Council Members

Roundtable self-introduction of Council Members.

Opening Remarks from Commissioner Bob Martin

Commissioner Martin gave key points of how EJAC came to be and the importance behind the Council.

- Enactment of EJAC
- Examples of work that DEP has done thus far
 - o Community Collaborative Initiative
 - o Phoenix Park in Camden City
 - o Riverfront Park in Newark
- Expectations of EJAC
- DEP Priorities
 - o Reduction and elimination of Combined Sewer Overflows (CSO)
 - o Brownfield redevelopment
 - o Illegal dumping on State Open Spaces

Question-and-Answer

Draft of the By-laws (Discussion)

- Edit Suggestions to the By-Laws

- Remove referrals to outside EJAC projects.
- Clarify and explain ambiguous language.
- Consider overall organization of Community Based Approach, possible EJAC inclusion.

Introduction of Working Groups

- Introduction of what the working groups are and potential ones that could be accepted
- Possible working groups for CCI and Port of Newark
- Finalization pending

Open Discussion/Question-and-Answer**Next Steps**

- Proposal and Agreement for the next meeting to be on Thursday, December 15, 2016.

Announcements

- DEP will make a tool available in order to edit working documents.

Adjournment

1:04 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristen Palma, Office of Environmental Justice