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Environmental Justice Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2018
7th Floor Conference Room
401 East State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625

Council Members

Present: Lloyd Abdul-Raheem, Steve Chranowski, Zenobia Fields, Colandus (Kelly) Francis, Joann Held, Zachary Lewis

On the Phone: Andy Kricun, Kim Gaddy, Olivia Glenn, James Horne, Estrella Sainburg

Absent: Yvonne Blake, Ted Carrington, Molly Greenberg, Monique Griffith, Fatimah Raymond

OEJ Staff: Joseph Donald, Kristen Palma, Riche Outlaw (*on the phone*)

DOH Representatives: Christa Fontecchio, Barbara Goun

Other DEP Staff: Jennifer Fletis Cortese, Mike Gordon, Peg Hanna, Kerry Kirk Pflugh, Julie Krause, Frank McLaughlin, Ryan Wall

Call to Order

Chair, Zachary Lewis, opened the meeting at 10:10am.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Zenobia Fields moved that the minutes from the November 2, 2017 meeting be approved. Steve Chranowski seconded the motion. All present voted yes.

EJAC Meetings for 2018

The Council will meet on the second Tuesday in the months of March, May, September and November in 2018.

Council Vacancies / Inactive Members

There are currently two vacancies on the Council. Potential candidates who are interested in serving should be advised to send their resume to Riche Outlaw.

Four Council members have been inactive. Riche has been reaching out to them to determine whether they are still able to participate in Council activities.

Kelly Francis made a motion that a letter be sent to inactive members requesting their status. If no response is received by February 15 a follow-up letter should be sent officially removing them from the Council. Lloyd Abdul-Raheem seconded the motion. All present voted yes.

First Year Report and Implementation of Recommendations

The report and recommendations were distributed to Senior Staff and the Executive Team by Commissioner Martin, asking that they review and implement. OEJ will work with DEP staff on implementation details. The Report will also be a part of the Transition Report to the new Commissioner.

Transition Ad-hoc Working Group

The EJAC Executive Board has prepared a document recommending that the new Administration focus on six actions related to Environmental Justice.

1. Define Environmental Justice.
2. Have a robust conversation on Cumulative Impact.
3. Promote Inter-agency participation.
4. Provide funding for Environmental Justice projects.
5. Provide technical assistance and build capacity in EJ communities.
6. Expand the Office of Environmental Justice.

Working Group Scheduling and Updates

Environmental Education & Communication: New Co-chairs are Steve Chranowski and Monique Griffith. Meetings are scheduled for the 4th Friday of the month at 11am.

Air: Meetings are generally planned for the 4th Monday of the month at 2pm

Land: Meetings are scheduled for the 4th Friday of the month at 3pm.

Water: Meetings will most likely be the 4th Thursday of the month at 10am.

It was recommended that the list of Workgroup Members be updated and circulated.

Announcements

- On January 17, Together North Jersey will host a Forum on Repurposing Sites (including Brownfields) at 1pm at the NJTPA offices in Newark (Zenobia Fields)
- On January 23, USEPA will host a Webinar on Grants at 2pm (Joe Donald)
- The US Water Alliance has formed a Water Equity Initiative and chosen Camden as one of the 5 Pilot Cities (Andy Krikun)
- OEJ expressed thanks to Council Members and DOH Representatives for their hard work in 2017. Special thanks go to Joe Donald who will be retiring at the end of January. Joe has been extremely instrumental the work of OEJ. (Riche Outlaw)

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned 11:59am.

