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Environmental Justice Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2018
7th Floor Conference Room
401 East State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625

Council Members

Present: Lloyd Abdul-Raheem, Colandus (Kelly) Francis, Joann Held, Zachary Lewis, Andy Kricun

On the Phone: Zenobia Fields, Monique Griffith, Ted Carrington

Absent: Yvonne Blake, Kim Gaddy, James Horne

OEJ Staff: Riche Outlaw, Kristen Palma

DOH Representatives: Christa Fontecchio

Other DEP Staff: Peg Hanna and others

Guests: Michael Hornsby (BPU), Branden Burke (BPU)

Call to Order

Chair, Zachary Lewis, opened the meeting at 10:11am.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Kelly Francis moved that the minutes from the May 8, 2018 meeting be approved. Ted Carrington seconded the motion. All present voted yes.

Overview of the Volkswagen Settlement (Peg Hanna)

- The NJ Allocation from the Volkswagen Settlement is \$72.2 million
- Up to 15% of the allocation can be spent on Electric Vehicle charging & hydrogen fueling infrastructure
- DEP received over 100 applications for the VW funds amounting to \$400 million in projects
- Next step is to submit a Beneficiary Mitigation Plan which describes how NJ plans to spend the money. The plan requires public input.
- Go to www.state.nj.us/DEP/VW to sign up for a List Serve regarding the VW Settlement

Electric Vehicles (Peg Hanna)

Peg Hanna described new NJDEP initiatives designed to implement the California Clean Vehicle Program.

- Drive Green Website (DriveGreen.nj.gov)
 - Basic information regarding electric vehicles, grants and incentives, and charging station locator
- Workplace Charging Grant Program: It Pay\$ To Plug In
 - Grants offset the cost to purchase and install charging stations
 - Nearly \$850,000 awarded to 65 grantees for 182 charging stations
 - Temporarily out of funds, but expecting more
- Drive Change Drive Electric Campaign
 - Website for people interested in buying an EV (DriveElectricUS.com)
- Transportation Equity Options
 - DEP is exploring ways to make EVs accessible to EJ Communities
 - Seeking suggestions

Plug-In Vehicles (Mike Hornsby)

Mike provided an overview of Plug-In Electric vehicles; explained the difference between fully electric vehicles and plug-in hybrid vehicles; and outlined the barriers to expanding the number of EVs in the mix of cars in NJ. He also described the role of BPU in promoting and expanding the use of EVs in NJ, especially the need for EV Charging Infrastructure.

The BPU has been conducting an EV Infrastructure Stakeholder Process. Four public meetings have been held. One prevalent comment regards the need to place EV chargers in low income & multi family communities.

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Working Group Updates

Water (Andy Kricun)

1. Lead in Drinking Water Awareness Program: A Public Service Announcement is being developed for the Camden Go Green Initiative that can be used in other communities. Filming will be on June 18. The PSA will be provided initially to the Camden City School District.
2. The Workgroup is looking at CSO flooding areas that can be alleviated by sewer cleaning.
3. They are urging EJ Communities to use the Infrastructure Trust to access low interest loans for replacing lead service lines.
4. They are talking to EJ Communities about the need to begin to develop a SEP list.
5. They are preparing to host a Water Summit in the Fall, targeting Mayors, Public Works Directors, and Business Administrators.

Environmental Education & Communication (Joann Held for Monique Griffith)

1. The Workgroup is focusing on the Community Contacts Database for Tier 1 municipalities. They will be seeking assistance from EJAC members to populate the database. They have also drafted a letter announcing the database to send out to community leaders.

2. The Workgroup is providing DEP Staff with suggestions and comments for the Air Quality Community Corner to be placed on the DEP Website.
3. A meeting is scheduled with the DEP Office of Local Government Assistance to identify ways to collaborate on communications.

Air (Zenobia Fields for Kim Gaddy):

1. Prepared VW Project Proposal Screening Criteria to share with DEP. Especially interested in the possibility of using some funds for capture and control of emissions from Maritime Equipment docked at our Ports.
2. The Workgroup is gathering ideas for possible SEPs.

Land (Lloyd Abdul-Raheem): The Land Workgroup is reviewing the draft white paper that was a product of the Urban Agriculture Symposium sponsored by EJAC last Fall.

Executive Order No. 23

A group has been established in DEP to work on EO-23 tasks, including Michael Gordon and Jeff McMillan (from Deputy Commissioner Mann's Office). A DAG has also been assigned to the Team.

Council Vacancies

Resumes have been received from six candidates. They are:

Melissa Miles, ICC (to replace Molly Greenberg)

Meredith Taylor, Rutgers (has expertise in Urban Farming)

Amy Tuininga, Montclair State (PSEG Institute for Sustainability Studies)

Gantry Fox, NJEJA Affiliate

Phyllis Reich, City of Elizabeth (to replace Fatimah Raymond)

Leilani Holgado, PSEG (for the Business & Industry opening)

We are still looking for a representative from a Faith-Based Group. Resumes for potential new members should be sent to Riche by June 12. The OEJ goal is to bring the new members on board in July.

Announcements

- Kristen Palma will be leaving the DEP to take a job with American National Standards Institute.

Adjournment

1. The meeting was adjourned 12:20pm.