

MINUTES

Toxics Board
Singer Room--Eugene Public Library
100 West 10th Avenue—Eugene, Oregon

October 5, 2006
3 p.m.

PRESENT: MaryLee Bowman, Vice Chair; Jennifer Gleason, John Jordan-Cascade, Steve Johnson, members; Glen Potter, Fire & Emergency Medical Services Department; Steve Chipman, Information Services Division; Ken Luse, Zachary Vishanoff, guests.

ABSENT: David Doll, Rue Ann Thomas, members.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Bowman called the meeting to order. Those present introduced themselves. Mr. Potter noted that business representative Doug Brooke had resigned from the board because he was no longer working for a business regulated by the City's Toxics Right-to-Know Program. Other business representatives had meeting conflicts and would not be in attendance.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/NEW ITEMS

Ms. Bowman determined that there were no changes to the printed agenda and members and staff had no items to add.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Zachary Vishanoff requested that the board consider enhancing the City's reporting regulations to include nanotechnology. He said that the State was spending more money on nanotechnology and three laboratories were operating on the University of Oregon campus. He said that Monsanto was partnering with the University on nanotechnology and that was a concern for him because of a recent report in The Oregonian regarding the company's accidental release of genetically altered plants. He shared some documentation he had gathered on nanotechnology with the board and asked members to review the information prior to the next meeting.

Board members briefly discussed the scope of the City's regulations and the fact the University was not and could not be regulated by the City's reporting program. Mr. Johnson indicated a willingness to have a discussion about the topic of regulating nanotechnology but pointed out that this would require either a new City ordinance or a change in Federal law.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Gleason, seconded by Mr. Johnson, moved to approve the minutes of August 31, 2006. The motion passed unanimously.

V. STAFF REPORT

Reappointment of Board Members

Mr. Potter reported that Mr. Johnson had reapplied for his position on the board. He again noted Mr. Brooke's resignation and said he had been contacted by Brian Allen of Hynix, who indicated that he had been asked by his firm to make himself available to serve on the board again. Mr. Potter also noted the interest expressed in the business position by Jason Pierce of I.P. Koke Printing. He anticipated that a special appointment process would be necessary given the fact the City's annual boards and commissions recruitment process had just ended.

VI. VOLUNTARY SUBCATEGORIES FOR OUTPUT CATEGORIES 3 AND 8

The board was joined for the item by Mr. Chipman. Mr. Potter recalled that in August 2005 the board had decided to include voluntary output subcategories for Categories 3 and 8 related to reused and recycled materials. He distributed a copy of the screen that businesses currently used to enter information about the categories.

After brief discussion about the best approach to the issue, the board asked Mr. Potter to meet with Mr. Brooke and Brian Allen of Hynix about Mr. Brooke's suggestions regarding the topic and return to the board with a recommendation. Mr. Potter agreed.

VII. ARCHIVING OF 1998 DATA

The board accepted a proposal from Mr. Chipman that the 1998 archived data be made available on the City's Web site in spreadsheet form.

VIII. REVISION OF TRACKING INSTRUCTIONS

Mr. Potter distributed copies of the revised tracking instructions and briefly noted the changes that had been made. The board accepted the changes without further revisions. Mr. Potter indicated that the board needed to resolve the voluntary output subcategory issue before the revisions could be deemed complete.

IX. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING/AGENDA ITEMS

The board scheduled its next meeting for November 9 at 3 p.m. at the Fire & Emergency Medical Services Department headquarters.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

(Recorded by Kimberly Young)