

MINUTES

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

November 15, 2006
3 p.m.

PRESENT: Marylee Bowman, Vice Chair; David Doll, Jennifer Gleason, Steve Johnson, RueAnn Thomas, members; Glen Potter, Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department; Terry Connolly, guest.

ABSENT: John Jordan-Cascade, member.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Bowman called the meeting to order. Those present introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/NEW ITEMS

There were no additions to the agenda.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

Ms. Bowman said that she had read through the information about nanotechnology provided by Mr. Vishanoff at the last meeting and found it very interesting though she was not sure how it applied to the Toxics Board. Mr. Potter said that nanoparticles were not currently among the substances listed federally as hazardous. Mr. Johnson said that this was an item for some future agenda, and that the category would need approval from the City Council to be listed in Eugene.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Gleason, seconded by Mr. Johnson, moved to approve the minutes of October 5, 2006. The minutes were approved by consensus.

V. STAFF REPORT

Reappointment of Board Members

Mr. Potter reported that Mr. Brooke had resigned his position at Hynix and was no longer eligible to serve on the Toxics Board. He said that the Charter gave the City Council two months to fill the vacancy. He said he had been contacted by Brian Allen of Hynix, who indicated that he had been asked by his firm to serve on the board again if needed. Mr. Potter also noted the interest expressed in the business position by Jason Pierce of I. C. Cokey but said that he had been unable to contact Mr. Pierce. Mr. Potter asked board members how they would like to proceed.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Potter said that he would contact the reporting industries by mail to announce the vacancy. He said that he would also make sure that Mr. Allen of Hynix applied for the position if no one else applied.

Mr. Potter said that he had been asked to investigate Creative Commercial as a business that might be required to report. He said that when he visited the business, the owner was not available, and there was only one employee on the premises. Mr. Potter said that he would continue the investigation, but added that the business seemed to be too small to be required to report. A business must have 10 FTE to be required to report.

Mr. Potter announced that the Toxics Program was observing its 10-year anniversary.

VI. VOLUNTARY SUBCATEGORIES FOR OUTPUT CATEGORIES 3 AND 8

Mr. Potter said that he had talked with Mr. Allen and Diana Bollenbaugh at Forrest Paint regarding this proposal, and neither expressed much enthusiasm. They agreed that the idea was a good one in principle, but might not be worth the extra work required. Mr. Potter recommended that the board drop the idea because there was no big push for it. Mr. Johnson said that he liked the idea but agreed that it was extra work. He suggested that the idea should come from someone from industry. Mr. Doll agreed with the staff recommendation given the level of support for the idea at this time.

VII. REPORTING OF SUBSTANCES CONTAINED IN SCRAP METAL

Mr. Potter said that he had a long conversation with Art Holte at Holte Manufacturing about scrap metal. Mr. Potter said that program regulations provide that filings and grindings weighing less than a gram are reportable. He said that Mr. Holte said that, even if one could move the scrap with a broom, it was not being released into the environment in a way that constituted a health hazard. He said that, subsequent to this discussion, Mr. Holte determined that his company did not meet the input threshold for reporting even under the existing regulations, and so no review is necessary.

VIII. 2006 Annual Report

Mr. Potter referred members to the draft 2006 Annual Report which was included in the agenda packet. He asked for feedback before he submitted it to the City Council.

Mr. Johnson commented on the sample data and noted that outputs had gone up steadily since 2000 which was a sign of economic activity. He pointed out that the waste side of the data had not gone up nearly as much. He said that this was positive and that companies in Eugene were doing much better than five years ago. Mr. Potter said that this could be made more explicit by adding another column to the chart showing the changes by percentage.

Ms. Thomas suggested removing the word “sample” because the data was real. After discussion Mr. Potter suggested using Figures for All Companies Combined (quantities in pounds).

Ms. Gleason referred to the fourth paragraph on page 2 of the report and recommended changing the wording to make clear that any second or subsequent violation could subject a company to a fine. Mr. Potter suggested removing the words “for subsequent offenses.”

After a brief discussion Mr. Potter agreed to change the wording in the parenthesis in the first paragraph on page 2, third sentence to “up to the same cap.”

Mr. Potter said that he would submit the final report to City Council in a week or two.

IX. REVISION OF TRACKING INSTRUCTIONS

Mr. Potter said that he would inform the businesses that the changes were on-line and up to date.

X. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING/AGENDA ITEMS

The board scheduled its next meeting for February 14 at 3 p.m. at the Eugene Public Library. The meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

In response to a question from Mr. Johnson, Ms. Bowman said that she was scheduled to be the chair again for the coming year.

(Recorded by Elise Self)