



Buffalo Environmental Management Commission

MINUTES

Meeting of Wednesday, October 21, 2009

The meeting started at 8:15 AM and was held in Room 920 City Hall.

Commissioners Attending: Art Robinson, John Hackney, Frank Armento, and David Hahn-Baker.

Not Attending: Charles Grieco, Joseph Gardella, and John Bauda

Others Attending: Dennis Sutton (staff), Janet SanFillipo (MIS), David Sheffield – UB engineering student

Minutes: the notes for the April 2009 meeting were taken by J. Gardella and not yet transcribed into minutes. Since there was no quorum the September 2009 minutes were tabled.

TIP Sheet

October's TIP SHEET featured information about incentive based recycling programs in Oak Ridge and North Miami. Mailing list included Common Council members and Andy Goldstein.

SEQRA/Sustainable Development

Dr. Gardella was out of town and not present to follow up on the City SEQRA Ordinance discussion with Brendan Mehaffy.

D. Sutton distributed a flyer regarding SEQRA training to be sponsored by the Erie County Environmental Management Commission & Erie County Department of Environment and Planning.

Composting

David Sheffield presented a proposal to develop a 3,000-yard capacity composting facility in the City of Buffalo. David is an Environmental Engineering student at the University at Buffalo and has been working with the Community Action Organization to develop the proposal. His goal is to have 10 "hoop house" composting facilities in Erie County that would create clean soil and generate revenue. His research indicates that there is a demand for composted material for use in home and community gardens.

Mr. Sheffield requested assistance from the City with site selection. D. Sutton recommended that Mr. Sheffield further refine his proposal with "ballpark" financial information and meet with Commissioner Stepniak with regard to reviewing his proposal, potential site selection and coordination efforts with Public Works

LED Streetlights – no discussion this meeting

Brownfields Update

An update was given regarding progress of 90 Hopkins, the South Buffalo BOA and 1318 Niagara Street projects.

Pest Management Board – no discussion this meeting

Green House Gas Inventory and Report - No report this meeting

Other

Janet SanFillipo from the City's MIS Department was present to advise the Commission on how to have additional information added to the Commission web site space. She indicated that use of additional space would present no difficulties but the additional information would require a structured approach. She inquired as to how much space would be required and in what format would the information be received.

The Commission should develop what they wanted to have on the site and work with Frank Honrado and Janet to develop the additional space.

Membership

Awaiting paperwork regarding appointment of Art Robinson and John Bauda

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM. Next scheduled meeting is to be November 18, 2009.