Hazardous Materials Commission

Draft Minutes
Operations Committee

February 9, 2018

Members and Alternates

Present: Fred Glueck, Steve Linsley, Leslie Stewart,
Absent: Rick Alcaraz, Lara Delaney, Ralph Sattler,
Staff: Michael Kent
Members of the Public: Lisa Park

1) Call to order, announcements: Commissioner Stewart called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Michael Kent announced:
- On February 12 the Board of Supervisors Internal Operations committee will consider the Commission’s nomination of Lisa Park as the new Environmental Seat alternate for Ralph Sattler. They will also be considering the re-nomination of Ralph Sattler, George Smith and Ron Chinn for Environmental Engineer and alternate and Jack Bean as Industrial Seat representative.
- The Board of Supervisors Transportation Water and Infrastructure committee scheduled for February 2 that was to consider the Commission’s request to address the issue of school siting has been cancelled.
- On February 12 the Board of Supervisors Internal Operations committee will review the Triennial Review that was done of the Commission. No changes were recommend by the reviewers.
- The Alamo Improvement Association has received another Department of Transportation grant to conduct community workshops on pipeline safety, and they are tentatively scheduled for early June.
- There was a fire on a scrap metal pile at Sims Metal at the Port of Richmond on January 30th resulting in a Level 3 Shelter-in-Place for 11 hours. There was also a community meeting hosted by Sims on February 7th at the Nevin Center in Richmond. The cause of the fire is still unknown.
- The Northern Richmond Shoreline was selected as one of the 10 Bay Area sites for the Resiliency by Design project aiming to develop community design goals for areas taking into account future climate change concerns.
- Anna Roth, previously the CEO of the County Hospital, has been named as the new Director of Contra Costa Health Services to replace Dr. Walker.

2) Approval of Minutes:

The minutes for the December 8, 2017 meeting were moved by Commissioner Linsley, seconded by Commissioner Stewart and approved 2-0-1 with Commissioner Glueck abstaining.
3) Public Comments: None

4) Old Business:

a) Update on the Pharmaceutical Ordinance

The consortium representing the pharmaceutical manufactures for implementing the ordinance, called MED-Project, submitted their implementation plan on time in January. The County now has 90 days to review and make comment on it. They said they had great interest in the program from pharmacies and local law enforcement offices.

5) New Business:

a) Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair

Commissioner Stewart nominated Commissioner Glueck for Chair and Commissioner Glueck nominated Commissioner Stewart for Vice Chair. The motion passed 3 - 0.

b) Set committee priorities for 2018

The committee reviewed the priorities that the Planning and Policy committee developed for themselves and then came up with the following list of priorities.

- Learning about the impact of pot production in terms of hazardous materials usage.
- Making another effort to encourage the businesses in the County to be prepared for cyberattacks.
- Finding out the interest of Contra Costa Climate Leaders in compiling information on hazardous materials usage and hazardous waste generation in the County.
- Learning how Environmental Justice is going to be address in the update of the County General Plan.
- Learning more about the concerns of County residents about the shipment of coal through the county and out of the Port of Richmond.

6) Reports from Commissioners on Matters of Commission Interest: None

7) Plan Next Agenda: Invite a representative of the Contra Costa Climate Leaders to the next committee meeting to discuss their interest in hazardous materials usage and hazardous waste generation.

8) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.