

Hazardous Materials Commission

Draft Minutes Operations Committee

August 12, 2016

Members and Alternates

Present: Fred Glueck, Rick Alcaraz, Ralph Sattler, Steve Linsley, Leslie Stewart, Rich Kinney (alternate), George Smith

Absent: Mark Ross (represented by alternate)

Staff: Michael Kent

Members of the Public: Linus Eukel

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

Michael Kent announced:

- DTSC sent out fact sheets about clean-up activities at the Zenica site, Richmond Land Farms and Liberty Village sties in Richmond.

Commissioner Smith announced that the Industrial Association and the East Bay Leadership Council are holding a Candidate Forum for the candidates for Supervisor Piepho's seat on Thursday August 25th at Zio Fraedo's in Pleasant Hill at 11:00.

- 2) **Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes for the June 10, 2016 meeting were moved by Commissioner Alcaraz seconded by Commissioner Glueck and approved 5 – 0 -- 1 with Commissioner Linsley abstaining.

- 3) **Public Comments:** None

- 4) **Old Business**

- a) **Update on the Pharmaceutical Ordinance**

The Health Department is still working on the community survey discussed at the last meeting designed to collect data about community attitudes and needs concerning unused pharmaceutical disposal options. They are addressing input from the County Council's office. The results of the survey will be used in the findings section of the proposed ordinance. They hope to have the survey in the field by September.

The committee directed staff to set up the final Commission meeting with Supervisor Piepho as soon as possible so that they could discuss the status of the pharmaceutical ordinance with her.

b) Continue Commission retreat planning

Staff reported that Mary Ann Morgan has agreed to facilitate the retreat and will either have a planning meeting with the Operations committee at their September or October meeting or will have a conference call with the Commission Chair and the Operations Chair in the near future to set the agenda for the retreat. Commissioner Alcaraz said that he would look into whether the Commission could use the IBEW union hall to hold the meeting.

The committee discussed potential guest speakers for the topic of brownfield revitalization and the over format of the retreat. Commissioner Smith said that he thought Jennifer Hernandez, who had previously spoken to the Commission about Brownfield redevelopment, was an excellent speaker and that he would be willing to reach out to her again. In general, the committee liked the previous format of the retreat where a historical review of commission activities and accomplishments were reviewed followed by a group participation effort to pick new priorities. Staff indicated that he would continue to solicit individual members to see if anyone was willing to sponsor a light dinner for the event.

5) New Business

a) Interview Candidate for vacant Environmental Seat alternate

The committee reviewed the process that had brought them to conducting the current interview. On March 8, 2016, this Environmental Seat Alternate position was declared vacant when the previous seat holder, Usha Vedagiri, was moved into another Environmental Seat on the Commission. The position was advertised and the Commission received one application, that of Charles Davidson, who had previously interviewed for the Environmental Seat that was given to Ms. Vedagiri. The Committee interviewed Mr. Davidson again and recommended to the full Commission that they recommend to the Board of Supervisors that he be appointed. The full Commission voted on April 28th to recommend his appointment to the Board of Supervisors. The Internal Operations Committee of the Board of Supervisors met on May 23rd and considered the application of Mr. Davidson and also that of Mr. Eukel, which was received by the Clerk of the Board on May 6th. The Internal Operations Committee directed the Commission to advertise for the Open Environmental Seat again, and to consider all applications received, including Mr. Davidson and Mr. Eukel. No other applications were received and so the Operations Committee would be interviewing only Mr. Eukel today because it was determined that the two previous interviews conducted with Mr. Davidson were sufficient.

The committee interviewed Linus Eukel for the vacant environmental seat alternate position. After the interview the committee debated between the merits of Mr. Eukel and Charles Davidson. Commissioner Glueck made a motion to recommend Mr. Eukel for the seat, and Commissioner Alcaraz seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-1 with Commissioner Sattler abstaining.

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

7) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:00