

COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
Brownfields Redevelopment
Sub-Committee Minutes

Wednesday, December 11, 2013 (10 am)
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- I. Welcome**
Kimberly Wasserman – Chairman, EJ Commission
- II. Introductions**
- A. Teleconference**
- Kim Wasserman, LVEJO
 - Ken Page, IEPA
 - Mary McDonald, IEPA
 - Millard Driskell, Prince Grand Lodge of IL
 - Veronica Kyle, Faith in Place
 - Tamika Gibson, IEC
 - Jeffrey Jones, IDNR
 - Cheryl Johnson, PCR
 - Alec Messina, IERG
 - Chris Pressnall, IEPA
- III. Approval of Agenda**
Motion – Kim Wasserman
Second – Cheryl Johnson
Motion carried
- IV. Subcommittee Structure**
- A. Should every member of the EJ Commission be required to be on a subcommittee?**
- Johnson – all should be voluntary
 - Driskell – Voluntary only
 - There was consensus that participation should voluntary
- B. Minimum number of people required to be present for the sub-committee to conduct business (Quorum)**
- The same as the Agency oversight committee. 1/3 of the members.
 - The majority of participating members

C. Election of a subcommittee Chairman.

Cheryl Johnson volunteered to chair the sub-committee. The election of the chair is tabled until the next meeting.

V. Visions for the Brownfields Redevelopment Sub-committee:

1 and 2 below were submitted by Keith Harley:

1. Under Illinois law, public participation is encouraged but not required in site remediation program activities. I think it would be helpful for IL EPA to develop public participation policies and resources tailored to brownfield remediations in EJ communities. These resources would benefit remedial applicants who choose to engage communities, IL EPA community relations staff, units of local government, and members of the public.
2. I believe it would be helpful for agencies and units of local government to develop resources to facilitate community-initiated brownfields redevelopment. The most common example I experience is when CBOs want to utilize a brownfield site for community beneficial open space. What steps can CBOs take to partner with agencies and units of local government to accomplish this category of reuse? Should IL EPA develop a separate track for cleanup standards for these kinds of future uses? This is not to the exclusion of the use of the site remediation program by private developers, but will focus on sites that are not being remediated and reused which nonetheless may have a real asset value for neighborhoods.
 - Kyle – likes the ideas submitted by Keith Harley
 - Johnson – need to address properties that the State took over. Example is Paxton Landfill.
 - Driskell – There should be a main focus for the sub-committee. The Altgeld project can be subdivided.

VI. Old Business

None

VII. Discussions/Presentations:

A. Commissioner Cheryl Johnson, PCR (This is the document that was sent to you, “ Community Revitalization Plan for Altgeld/Murray Homes)

- Environmental Issue – the way that the MWRD dries their sludge impact air quality and water quality. Use of more advanced

technologies will significantly reduce air pollution and improve water quality.

- PCR will prepare a summary on what they want from the Commission as it relates to the “Community Revitalization Plan for Altgeld/Murray Homes.

VIII. Next meeting date and location

Wednesday, January 8, 2014 @ 12:00 noon

IX. Adjournment

11:20 am

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