



**Environmental Commission**  
**Environmental Health Subcommittee**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
June 1, 2023

**LOCATION:** City Hall 7AN & Webex

**CHAIR CANDACE THOMPSON PRESIDING**

**PRESENT:** [4]

Candace Thompson, District 4	* Dr. Sarah Ashitey, General Public
Renee Roberson, District 8	* Dr. Barry Lachman, District 12 (alternate)

**ABSENT:** [2]

Haddijatou Bayo, P.E., General Public	Dr. Folashade Afolabi, General Public
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*\*Note: Members of the Environmental Health Committee participated in this meeting by video conference.*

*\*\*Note: Indicates arrival time after meeting called to order/reconvened*

The meeting was called to order at 6:29p.m. with a quorum of the Environmental Health Committee present.

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS**

No registered speakers.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**I) Formation of Recommendations on Concrete Batch Plant Buffer Zones**

- a) Vice Chair Roberson reviewed the draft recommendation memo with the committee and discussed what Council districts batch plants are located in (Districts 6, 7, 8).
- b) Susan Alvarez (OEQS)
  - i) We're still monitoring bills in the Legislature that may impact this effort (i.e. SB 1017). The recommendation is consistent with efforts of our Planning & Urban Design department, but we may need to get the City Attorney's Office to weigh in.
- c) Chair Thompson
  - i) Given this information, should we continue moving forward with this recommendation?
- d) Susan Alvarez (OEQS)
  - i) We should go ahead with it as a recommendation, even if the State says we can't do it.
- e) Commissioner Lachman

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- i) Seconding the above. We should do a good job of documenting harmful effects.
- f) Susan Alvarez (OEQS)
  - i) There is some movement at the federal level that may help as well, in regard to tightening regulations on particulates.
- g) Commissioner Lachman
  - i) Noting related work on the PCCI vulnerability index.
- h) Vice Chair Roberson
  - i) Do we need to make any edits to the memo?
- i) Chair Thompson
  - i) Mention districts in which batch plants are located (double-check that as well).
- j) Dr. Ashitey
  - i) Go into more detail on what the studies have shown regarding negative effects.
- k) Commissioner Lachman
  - i) Do we want this detail in the body, or have a supporting document?
- l) Vice Chair Roberson
  - i) Both. Can include in the body, then cite it.
- m) Chair Thompson
  - i) Let's add those details over the weekend and submit the final memo early next week.
- n) Commissioner Lachman
  - i) Would this recommendation apply to existing and new applicants?
- o) Susan Alvarez (OEQS)
  - i) Likely can't go back but when existing permits expire, these rules could potentially apply to renewals (Planning & Urban Design department Phase II).
- p) Commissioner Lachman
  - i) Let's state this in the recommendation.
- q) Dr. Ashitey
  - i) However, the Environmental Health Committee should make buffer zone recommendations based on the science but we may not necessarily need to make recommendations on the implementation piece. Maybe we shouldn't make a recommendation on who it applies to.
- r) Susan Alvarez (OEQS)
  - i) The committee can still provide this recommendation. It will ultimately be up to the City Attorneys who work on code development and the Planning & Urban Design Department.
- s) Commissioner Lachman
  - i) Even if the mechanism is that you can't go back, there are other ways encourage compliance.
- t) Susan Alvarez (OEQS)
  - i) The City's Sustainable Procurement policy could be used on this in the future.

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## VOTING ITEMS

- I) **Consideration of Approval of Environmental Health Committee Recommendations on Concrete Batch Plant Buffer Zones to be Presented to the Full Environmental Commission**
  - a) Moved by Commissioner Lachman.
  - b) Seconded by Dr. Ashitey.
  - c) Discussion: The committee will make revisions to the memo and submit the final version by early next week.
  - d) Motion passed unanimously.

## ADJOURNMENT

After all business of the Environmental Health Committee had been considered, Commissioner Lachman moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Chair Thompson and unanimously accepted. The Environmental Health Committee meeting was adjourned at 7:00p.m.

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Drafted by:

Erin Diehl, Board Coordinator

Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability

6/21/2023

Date

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Candace Thompson (Jun 21, 2023 15:20 CDT)

Approved by:

Candace Thompson, Chair

Environmental Health Committee

Jun 21, 2023

Date

## Attachments:

[Meeting Recording](#)