

MINUTES
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION.
200 N. Spring Street, Room 1050, City Hall
February 17, 2005

Present: Justo Gonzalez, President
Wayde Hunter, Vice Commissioner
Noreen E. McClendon, Commissioner
Samuel J. Hill Jr., Commissioner

Absent: Jennifer Taggart, Commissioner

Bianca Vite, Commission Secretary - (213) 978-2366

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** President Justo Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.
2. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** The minutes of December 16, 2004 were considered and approved as modified.
3. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None
4. **MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT:** General Manager Allen provided the Commissioners with an update of departmental activities.
5. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:
 - Representatives of the City Attorney's Office were unable to attend.
 - Craig Tranby, Environmental Supervisor of the Materials and Waste Division, provided the commission a summary of the Brownfields Resource Team (BRT) activities of the Brownfields Small Sites program from the past year. This program was created with a goal of providing a range of environmental services to small problem sites with less than ½ acre size in order to improve their utilization & provide overall environmental benefits to Los Angeles neighborhoods. Outreach activities include briefing with Council staff and City family to identify potential sites. A list of over 40 sites has been compiled, and an open ongoing process for accepting additional sites through Council staff recommendations is in place. In addition, they

are conducting grant opportunity specific outreach and neighborhood council outreach as necessary. Program progress includes Phase I assessments on 10 properties, follow up on Phase II assessments or additional assessments as warranted. Copies of these reports will be shared with Council Offices, MOED, CRA and potential developers to market these sites for revitalization.

- Gretchen Hardison, Director of the Air Quality Division informed the commission about a new project, the Sun Valley Environmental Justice Improvement Program in Council District 6. The Los Angeles City Council established the Sun Valley Environmental Justice Improvement Area to focus attention on the need for coordinated planning and adherence to environmental justice principles in the siting of new facilities, and to help ensure strict enforcement of environmental laws and regulations. The work to be conducted for this Project is intended to assist the community to better understand potential existing environmental impacts, including but not limited to air toxics, and to develop strategies to reduce these impacts.

6. **COMMISSION OLD BUSINESS:** General Manager Allen, President Gonzalez and Commissioner Taggart are to meet before moving forward with the State of the City's Environment Report.

7. **NEW COMMISSION BUSINESS:**

8. **FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS:**

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

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