



MEETING MINUTES

Jersey City Environmental Commission
City Hall – 280 Grove Street, Jersey City NJ 07302

Alison Cucco, Acting Chair

Meeting: Jersey City Environmental Commission Public Meeting

Date / Location: 20 June 2017– 6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 280 Grove Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Attendees:	Commissioners/City Representatives	Public Participants
	Alison Cucco, Acting Chair	Danielle Azouley
	Mario Verdibello	Matt Trump
	Greg Lanez	Evan Leig
	Michelle Luebke	
	Lucas Netchert	
	Takeya Meggett	

Kate Lawrence, Secretary

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Date Prepared: 7 July 2017

ROLL CALL

Six of eight active commissioners were present; four constitutes quorum. Commissioners Solowsky and Ristorucci were absent.

SUNSHINE ANNOUNCEMENT

Secretary Lawrence confirmed the Sunshine announcement went out Friday, June 16th.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

No other comments from commissioners. May minutes were unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF 2015-2016 ANNUAL REPORT

2015-2016 Environmental Commission Annual Report was unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

The Environmental Commission received 11 notifications regarding NJ DEP permit requests. These were compiled by the EC secretary and will be included in the meeting notes.

SCHEDULED SPEAKER

The scheduled speakers for DPW's waste and recycling programs were not in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

Water's Edge Development

- Commissioners Cucco and Verdibello had a meeting the JCMUA and Suez earlier in the day. JCMUA director Jeremy Farrell was there along with 11-15 other people who have some connection with the City's water supply. The meeting went well.
- The JCMUA will be installing a tracking system to monitor future developments on sites near the Boonton Reservoir. The JCMUA is also planning on improving its notification system.
- The idea of a well-monitoring system was discussed. There was also discussion about working with other municipalities and the State DEP to purchase adjacent private property for extended buffer. There is also the potential issue of encroachment of JC land.
- Commissioner Cucco will be following up regarding this issue.

Sustainable Jersey Green Team

- Looking to implement board diversity survey and analysis. Feasible by September. Secretary Lawrence will look into feasibility getting points for municipal GHG assessment.
- Anyone who has any ideas for Sustainable Jersey actions or other sustainability ideas and initiatives should let Commissioner Cucco and Secretary Lawrence know. Commissioner Cucco will be scheduling a follow-up meeting shortly.

NEW BUSINESS

JCEC Budget

- Commissioner Cucco is working on EC budget. She would like it finalized by next month's meeting.
- There was general discussion of what should be included in budget and if EC should be producing and/or distributing educational materials.
- Secretary Lawrence mentioned that the Office of Innovation has been producing a lot of useful educational materials for the Year of Water campaign. The commissioners expressed interest in learning more about what the Office of Innovation is doing and the materials it has available. Secretary Lawrence stated that she would invite them to present at the next meeting.

Compact of Mayors

- The Municipal Council passed a resolution reconfirming the City's commitment to combatting climate changing and supporting joining of the Compact of Mayors. Commissioner Cucco will be sending a letter of support for the Compact of Mayors to the Mayor.

Environmental education outreach update

- Commissioner Meggett stated that she is interested in promoting environmental education in Jersey City schools. She recently met with Sustainable Jersey City regarding this issue. She is also interested in joining the Green Team and working on education.



- Secretary Lawrence stated that should would connect Commissioner Meggett with Brianna Lawrence of the Office of Innovation regarding the student science fair that was recently held in City Hall.

McNair Academic High School update

- Commissioner Lanez attended the Humanitarian and Global Responsibility Fair at McNair Academy on behalf of the Environmental Commission. He spoke to scores of students and got them to provide their contact information for potential volunteer opportunities.
- Secretary Lawrence mentioned that the City has two Cities of Service VISTAs for public outreach, green infrastructure, and resiliency initiatives. They will be attending the next EC meeting and coming up with volunteer opportunities.

CLOSING REMARKS AND OTHER BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioner Verdibello mentioned that he would like to figure out a way to incentivize or subsidize homeowners to switch out their lead connection pipes. Commissioner Netchert discussed the potential of getting the City to require the phase-out of lead pipes by a certain year or requiring Suez to report on all lead pipes throughout the City.
- Secretary Lawrence updated the EC on the adoption of the Resiliency, Adaptation, and Green Infrastructure plans as part of the City's Master Plan by the Planning Board on June 13, 2017. In the later summer or early fall she will be giving public presentations to Society Hill/Country Village and Downtown about the Adaptation recommendations and present potential zoning changes.
- Secretary Lawrence also announced the adoption of the Environmental Resource Inventory by the Planning Board on June 13, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next Environmental Commission meeting is scheduled for 11 July 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Caucus Room, Room 204, City Hall, 280 Grove Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302.



Notifications to Environmental Commission as of June 20, 2017*

DATE	PROJECT	NOTIFICATION FROM	NOTIFICATION TYPE	PERMIT/CERTIFICATON REQUESTED	PERMITTING/ CERTIFYING BODY
6/6/2017	Installation of new natural gas distribution mains in public ROW within PSE&G's Natural Gas Service Area	PSE&G	Notice of Submission	Freshwater Wetlands Application - General Permit Authorization	NJ DEP
6/12/2017	Rehabilitation and Repair of Structural Components of Ellis Island Bridge	Michael Baker International	Notice of Submission	Individual Waterfront Development Permit	NJ DEP, Div. of Land Use Regulation
6/9/2017	359 Fifth Street Condominiums	Chisvette Engineering	Notice of Submission	Flood Hazard Area Verification and Individual Permit	NJ DEP, Div. of Land Use Regulation
5/18/2017	Avalon Cove Boardwalk Repair	Langan	Notice of Submission	Individual Waterfront Development Permit	NJ DEP, Div. of Land Use Regulation
5/11/2017	Debris Removal at Newport Marina Southern Basin	Dresdner Robin	Notice of Submission	In-Water Waterfront Development Permit	NJ DEP, Div. of Land Use Regulation
6/15/2017	Proposed 91-unit residential building with limited commercial space, 134 Baldwin Avenue/156-160 Academy Street	Michels & Waldron Associates, LLC	Notice of Submission	Form TWA-1 – Treatment Works Application	NJ DEP, Div. of Water Quality
6/8/2017	NJCU West Campus Redevelopment - Phase 2	Langan	Notice of Submission	Form TWA-1 – Treatment Works Application	NJ DEP, Div. of Water Quality
5/25/2017	Proposed 5-story mixed-use building, 100 Monitor Street	InSite Engineering, LLC	Notice of Submission	Form TWA-1 – Treatment Works Application	NJ DEP, Div. of Water Quality
5/16/2017	The "Roxy" Redevelopment Project, 201 Cornelison Street	Wyssling Consulting	Notice of Submission	Form TWA-1 – Treatment Works Application	NJ DEP, Div. of Water Quality
5/10/2017	JCMUA Phase 1-2 Sewer Rehabilitation Project	Mott MacDonald	Notice of Submission	Form TWA-1 – Treatment Works Application	NJ DEP, Div. of Water Quality
5/8/2017	Hoboken Long Slip Canal Fill and Rail Enhancement Project	NJ Transit	Notice of Submission	Form TWA-1 – Treatment Works Application	NJ DEP, Div. of Water Quality

*Copies of notices made to the Environmental Commission are available for review by the public for up to one year at the office of the Division of Planning, 30 Montgomery Street, Suite 1400, Jersey City, 07302.