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TO THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

There will be a Meeting of the City of Bridgeport's **CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, to be held on **Wednesday, May 6, 2015, from 3 PM to 5 PM**, at the Margaret E. Morton Government Center, 999 Broad Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut in Conference Room A located on the 1st Floor.

AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting
2. Consideration and establishment of ideas for a proposed Environmental Community Benefits Agreement
3. Discussion of Public Hearing
4. Adjourn

Very truly yours,

Elizabeth Torres
Secretary
Citizen Advisory Committee

cc: A. Nunn, CAO
A. Wood, Chief of Staff
R. Felipe, Deputy Chief of Staff
L. Daniels, Director of Neighborhood Initiatives
M. Anastasi, City Attorney
Members of the Citizen Advisory Committee

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 P.M. by Adrienne Houel, Committee Chair. A quorum was not present. No action was taken by the Committee during the meeting. The following members were present:

Present (6)

George Estrada, Vice Chair	Rev. Carl McCluster	Elizabeth Torres, Secretary
Adrienne Houel, Chair	Chris Phelps	Adam Wood

Absent (8)

Hon. Howard Austin, Sr., 131 st District	Sharon Lewis	Hon. Mike Marella 138 th District
Hon. Jack Banta 131 st District	Bill Malone	Cathleen Simpson
Rep. Jack Hennessey		Hon. Denese Taylor-Moye, 131 st District

Pending Vacancy (1)

Onte Johnson Vacated Seat

Also Present:

Steven G. Mednick, Counsel

MEMBER STATUS:

It was determined that Onte Johnson would be asked to submit a letter of resignations in lieu of a decision to vacate his seat by action of the committee.

DISCUSSION OF IDEAS FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY BENEFITS AGREEMENT

Adam Wood discussed a number of issues he first raised at the meeting of April 22nd, including a visualization and projection lighting system which utilizes LED screen lighting which might, for instance, wrap the PSEG smokestack with an alternate image; resiliency proposals; national rebuild by design; creation of revolving loan fund of \$2-3 million or more for the Energy Improvement District to help finance renewable energy projects; and Center for Sustainable business growth.

The Chair, Adrienne Houel suggested the need to categorize and prioritize ideas. **Rev. McCluster** suggested a review of "no cost" items such as the phase-out¹ of the plant and pollution reduction targets by setting a standard or agreed to no net increase. **The Secretary, Elizabeth Torres** stated that she thought the Committee needs to distinguish between the phase-out of the local plant and other elements of the Environmental Community Benefits Agreement ("ECBA").

The Chair recommended that the Committee take a look at non-cost or minor-cost elements of the ECBA such as: (1) extension of the farmers' market, which is currently funded by the USDA (federal) and the city (\$25,000.00); and, (2) funding for crime heat maps surveys, which would require a follow-up discussion with Kristin duBay Horton, director of the Health Department

Chris Phelps discussed the dilemma of addressing the emissions issue in isolation. For example, while there are significant emissions generated by the power plant there impact is magnified by the confluence of I-95 and the power plant. The issue should be framed not only as one related to the power plant but also to the reduction of transportation related emissions including, installing catalyzers

¹ One of the issues for the committee was the proper terminology: "retire" vs. "shutdown" vs. "phase-out".

in buses; adding infrastructure to encourage electric vehicles with charging stations; and, funds for conversion of city fleet and school buses, including use of natural gas.

The discussion then turned to the issue of the size of the fund allocation under an ECBA. It was suggested that the Committee look to the New Haven transaction in order to determine the appropriate level set for initial discussions on compensation with PSEG.

On the issue of fund, **the Secretary** discussed the possible creation of a \$2-3 million fund which would generate annual income for the perpetual development of community gardens and parks and trees. **Mr. Wood** discussed the concept of a recycle bank which incentivizes recycling by providing coupons.

There was some discussion regarding the use of Survey Monkey to try to prioritize the bucket list.

The Meeting adjourned at 4:39 P.M.

DRAFT SUBJECT TO APPROVAL