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Mayor

February 20, 2015

TO THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

There will be a Special Meeting of the City of Bridgeport's **CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, to be held on **Wednesday, March 4, 2015, at 5 PM** at the Margaret E. Morton Government Center, 999 Broad Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut in the **First Floor Conference Room**.

AGENDA

The purpose of said organizational meeting is to: (1) select officers and establish appropriate rules of order; (2) approval of minutes; (3) review dates currently assigned for the meetings and hearings of the Committee; (4) discuss preliminary issues regarding parameters of a Community Environmental Benefit Agreement; (5) status of meetings with PSEG; and, (5) address other issues pertinent to participation under the "Act Concerning Environmental Justice Communities..." and the City Council Resolution establishing the committee. The Committee will take such action as it deems appropriate.

Very truly yours,

Bill Finch
Mayor

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

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 P.M. by Steven G. Mednick, Counsel to the Committee. A quorum was present:

Present (9)

Hon. Jack Banta, 131 st District	Sharon Lewis	Kathleen Simpson
George Estrada	Rev. Carl McCluster	Hon. Denese Taylor-Moye, 131 st District
Adrienne Houel	Chris Phelps	Elizabeth Torres

Absent (4)

Rep. Jack Hennessey	Bill Malone	Eduardo Rivera
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Also Present:

Adam Wood, Chief of Staff	Steven G. Mednick, Counsel
Diane Lentakis, Sierra Club	

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Agenda Item #2):

Ms. Torres moved for approval of Minutes of the meeting of February 4th 2015, second by Mr. Estrada.

DISCUSSION:

▪ **Status of Meetings with PSEG (Agenda Item #5)**

- Attorney Mednick and the Chief of Staff informed the committee that in spite of PSEG’s failed bid regarding capacity payments it would be pursuing “permitting” during 2015 and wanted to continue on an accelerated schedule for the Environmental Community Benefits Agreement, i.e. a May-June time-frame.

▪ **Schedule (Agenda Item #3)**

- The committee established the following schedule (Unless otherwise designated, all meetings start at 5:00 P.M.)

3/16/15 (M) @ 3:00 P.M. Discussion of other community experiences negotiating agreements	4/8/15 (W) @ 5:00 P.M. Discussion of NRZ Strategic Plan and Health Department Initiatives
3/23/15 (M) Public Hearing @ 6:30 (Meeting to Follow)	4/22/15 (M) @ 5:00 P.M.

▪ **Election of Officers (Agenda Item #1)**

- **Election of Chair:** Attorney Mednick called for nominations for Chair of the Committee. Mr. Estrada nominated and Rev. McCluster seconded the nomination of Adrienne Houel. There were no additional nominations and the nominations were closed. The motion was unanimously approved. Ms. Houel assumed the chair.

- **Election of Vice Chair:** The Chair call for nominations for Vice Chair of the Committee. Councilwoman Taylor-Moye nominated and Ms. Lewis seconded the nomination of George Estrada. There were no additional nominations and the nominations were closed. The motion was unanimously approved.
- **Election of Secretary:** the Chair called for nominations for Secretary of the Committee. Councilwoman Taylor-Moye nominated and Rev. McCluster seconded the nomination of Elizabeth Torres. There were no additional nominations and the nominations were closed. The motion was unanimously approved.
- **Discussion (Agenda Item #4).** The Chair entertained preliminary discussions regarding the parameters of a Community Environmental Benefits Agreement (“CEBA”).
 - **Ms. Torres:** Discussed the South End NRZ strategic plan and thought there would be benefit in receiving an OPEN presentation of the plan. There may be ideas and issues raised in the strategic plan that would be worth scrutinizing for inclusion in a CEBA.
 - **Ms. Lewis:** Raised the issue of focusing on a specific health concern to be determined by conducting or reviewing health surveys. The objective would be to concentrate efforts on the most compelling issue.
 - **Rev. McCluster:** We should consider utilizing the CEBA to conduct thorough surveys with the cooperation of city health department, hospitals, community clinics and school based clinics serving the impacted areas and populations. The utilization and promotion of clinics should be tied to the specific health concern as determined by the survey.
 - **Councilwoman Taylor-Moye:** Agreed that the health survey should help create the priorities
 - **Ms. Torres:** The City Health Department has data as does the Connecticut Department of Public Health. We may want to have testimony from those departments, i.e. Health Care Advocate Vickie Beltry.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.