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Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board

Monday, August 13, 2018
BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lucinda Sonnenberg, Ph.D., Chair
Amy Fu, P.E., Vice Chair
Gabriel DuPree

David Wood
Bobby Baker, P.E.
Roi Dagan, M.D.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Michelle Tappouni

STAFF/RESOURCES PRESENT:

James Richardson, JEPB Administrator
Jeff Close, OGC

Tree Killbourn, EQD Enforcement

VISITOR(S) PRESENT:

none

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sonnenberg called the retreat of the Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board (JEPB) at 4:15 pm.

DR. SONNENBERG

BOARD BUSINESS

SONNENBERG

- SJR Report Funding request vote
Administrator Richardson shared a memo from the Education & Outreach Committee recommending continued funding of the St. Johns River Report with the following conditions:
 1. The \$311,863 request be funded as presented
 - a. Payments in the amounts of \$99,443, \$103,880 and \$108,540
 2. A waiver of Sections 111.755(f) and 360.602(f) Ordinance Code to continue funding of the State of the River Report.
 3. Invoke an exception to Sec. 126.107(g) Procurement Code allowing the use of professional services of Jacksonville University

After brief discussion, a motion was made (Baker) to approve the funding as recommended by the Education & Outreach Committee, was properly seconded (DuPree) and approved by the body.

- EPB Awards recommendations and vote
Administrator Richardson shared the recommendations from the Education & Outreach Committee for the annual Environmental Achievement Awards to be presented at the symposium. A motion was made to approve the recommendation (DuPree), was properly seconded (Fu) and was approved by the body.

GOALS FOR THE DAY

Dr. Sonnenberg shared her thoughts of what she would like to cover and discuss during the retreat. She hoped it to be informative and encouraged intereaction as much as possible.

- Who are we and how did we get here?
- What is it that we do?
- What is it that we want to do?
- Money, money, money EPB trust fund

WHO WE ARE AND HOW DID WE GET HERE?

- History of EPB and Jacksonville Environment

Kilbourne

Ms. Kilbourne and Dr. Sonnenberg shared presentations (attached) showing the history of the JEPB and some key milestones that were occurring at various points in it's history.

WHAT IS IT THAT WE DO AND HOW DO WE DO IT?

- Routine maintenance -enforcements, variances, hearings

Close

Board Counsel Close shared some information on Robert's Rules of order and how to best conduct Board business during meetings.

- Looking to the future - Hearing platform, rulemaking

Kilbourne

Ms. Kilbourn shared information on the Rulemaking authority of the JEPB and the processes in place to conduct it, when it would be applicable and other pertinent information.

- Community outreach and education

Was discussed later in the retreat.

WHAT DO WE WANT TO DO?

Sonnenberg

Dr. Sonnenberg led a discussion of areas of focus and areas of concern that members would like to see the JEPB address or discuss at some point in the near future.

- Emerging Issues of concern

There was discussion and brainstorming of issues from the members. Items that emerged as compiled by Dr. Sonnenberg include:

- Reducing SSOs in private infrastructure
- Council approach about plastic bags, fees
- Nonpoint source nutrient pollution
 - Fertilizer,
- Better communications with the public; specific impacts in Jax
- What is the Duval County impact on SJR water quality (compared to upstream sources)?

- o Recycling waste education
- o Toilet wipes
- o SSOs
- o Recycling education – refuse, reduce, reuse, emphasis (recycle last)
- o More public education
- o Offshore drilling – advocate ban
- o Sustainable building incentives massive downtown developments
- o Air monitoring on Westside
- o Increasing penalties to help compliance
 - Effective structure

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 - Role of air and water committees

There was discussion of the need for the committees. There was general consensus that the information shared during the meetings could be provided and discussed during the monthly meeting. Mr. Richardson reminded that there is a specific role for the committees in some processes such as variances. However, they can be convened when there is a specific need. The group decided that they would forego the August committee meetings and continue the discussion about the meetings and committees at the September board meeting.

- EOC – permanent?

There was discussion regarding the role of the EPO committee. It continues to be ad hoc and should it be made permanent. Concern was noted that in the vetting of funding requests, there may not be adequate opportunity for members to ask questions. After further discussion, there was consensus that the current system of vetting funding requests by the committee and board approval was acceptable.

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY – EPB TRUST FUND

Richardson/Sonnenberg


- What are we funding?
- What do we want to fund?

Mr. Richardson shared information regarding the structure of the EPTF, trends regarding what is coming in and what has been funded and the balance remaining. This prompted discussion of any desire to prioritize funding objectives, suspend funding for a period of time or other options. There were several comments to accept what good, appropriate requests come along within the budget.

Dr. Sonnenberg thanked everyone for coming and for the good discussion. Several items will be continued at future meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted



 James Richardson, EPB Administrator