



Buffalo Environmental Management Commission

MINUTES

Meeting of Wednesday, December 21, 2011

The meeting started at 8:15 AM and was held in Room 901 City Hall.

Commissioners Attending: J. Gardella, D. Hahn-Baker, A. Robinson, F. Armento

Not Attending: J. Bauda, Chip Grieco and J. Hackney

Others Attending: D. Sutton (COB support staff)

Minutes - J. Gardella to distribute August 2011 minutes. The August, September and October minutes were tabled due to lack of a quorum. There was no meeting in November.

TIP Sheet - The December TIP SHEET discussed the city of Philadelphia's Sustainability programs.

SEQRA/Sustainable Development – The project at Lour and Seneca was discussed regarding the involvement by the Preservation Board, building demo, etc.

LED Streetlights – No discussion this meeting

Brownfield Update – The commission was updated on the Brownfield Opportunity Area projects. There was a general discussion regarding the NFTA Outer Harbor land.

Green House Gas Inventory and Report – No discussion this meeting.

Membership - No discussion this meeting

Urban Farming – There were no recent developments regarding community gardens. The Grass Roots Gardens program was taking a look at urban gardens with regard to food security issues. They were looking into a sustainability grant to focus on urban gardens. There was information presented about a Gender Institute workshop for next fall centering on urban gardens and the immigrant population. D. Hahn-Baker proposed holding a joint meeting to follow on to the meeting that was held this past March.

There was a general discussion regarding urban gardens, soil and contamination issues.

Other –

- The City's new recycling program was discussed. J. Gardella requested that Commissioner Stepniak be invited to the next meeting to discuss school recycling efforts.
- Sean Jacobson of the WNY Public Service commission arrived after the meeting was over and will be rescheduled for February 2012.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 9:55 AM. Next scheduled meeting is to be January 18th, 2012.