

Town Council of Dewey-Humboldt
Environmental Issues Advisory Committee
Minutes

April 27, 2009, 6:30pm

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

Roll call: EIAC Members present: Len Marinaccio, Mike Randall, Denise Rogers, Bob Bowman (arrived at 6:36).

Announcements: Annual AFOSA Open Space Conference, May 2, 2009, 8:30am, Arcosanti, Cordes Junction, AZ

The minutes of the January 26, 2009 meeting were approved by Denise and seconded by Mike.

There was a brief discussion of the Council changes to the zoning ordinance to prohibit landfills. It was agreed that the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for a landfill ONLY if the limitations of the Ordinance are amended by legislative change or judicial interpretation was a good call.

The new policies, procedures and committee structure as recently adopted by Council in the Town Council Rules and Procedures were discussed. It was questioned whether staff would provide a "packet" for new Committee members, as is done for new Council members, as there are numerous rules and guidelines (Open Meeting Law, Council Code of Ethics, etc) members are expected to follow. The appropriateness of Council members on boards and committees was discussed with the general sentiment being a goal of Council members as Associate members only.

Len informed us of some additional testing being done by the EPA in relation to the SuperFund site work. Leah Butler was present in the audience and explained that gaps in the data were found and so additional soil and ground and surface water sampling was being carried out this week. She stated Chaparral Gulch was among the areas of interest. Results of the sampling are expected to be published in the fall, along with the risk assessment. She said that contaminants found in the additional residential areas will probably be cleaned up as were the residential areas in 2006. Mike then asked Leah how D-H got listed as "One of the 9 most polluted places in America" (4/20/09, MSN). Leah said they (EPA) found the title of the

article inflammatory and inappropriate. She and ____?____ were interviewed by Gean Weiss of MSN about the site but in no way stated or inferred that it was one of the 9 worst. "The EPA does not rank sites like that". Mike said the Town should ask for a retraction. Bob motioned that the "EIAC advise the Town to ask for a retraction by the author, Gean Weiss, of the MSN, April 20th article". Mike seconded the motion and all agreed.

There was then a brief discussion of the ongoing Kuhles issue and the ongoing lawsuit brought by ADEQ. Len stated the Town was also pursuing issues with Kuhles relating to the demolition of a building without a permit compounded by the fact that the contained asbestos. Mike asked what they did with the rubble and Leah said "I believe it's just sitting there in piles". Leah then stated ADEQ would be at the May 5th Council meeting and we could get more information then. Mike then stated we should all thank Treasha for keeping track of the Kuhles activities and for submitting her April 21 memo to Council and included in our meeting packet.

The public was asked for comments and Garry Rogers talked briefly about findings presented at the March 10-12, 2009 International Scientific Congress on Climate Change meeting. He also gave information about The US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement (as endorsed by the 73rd Annual US Conference of Mayors meeting in 2005). He suggested we urge the Town to become the leader in Yavapai County in sustainable management by joining the 1000 US Mayors (including 10 in Arizona) that have signed the Climate Protection Agreement.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35.

Signed: _____ Date: _____