

NEW JERSEY NOISE CONTROL COUNCIL (NCC)
MAY 12, 2015
MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES: Arnold Schmidt (Chairman, Public Member), Joseph Lepis (Vice Chairman, Public Member), Randy Hauser (Department of Labor & Workforce Development), Eric Lieberman (Department of Health), Norm Dotti (Public Member, Industrialist), Dr. Iris Udasin (Public Member, Medical Doctor), Steve Szulecki (Public Member, Ecologist), Dr. John Kapferer (Public Member), Jerome Feder (Public Member) Eric Zwerling (Director of the Rutgers Noise Technical Assistance Center and David Triggs (Department of Environmental Protection, Noise Control Council Liaison).

The order of the agenda was changed to ensure that important issues were discussed while time permitted

I. CHAIR REPORT

- Chairman Schmidt has not yet sent a letter to the Department of Community Affairs, requesting that NCC Ex Officio member Drake Rizzo be replaced due to his inability to attend meetings.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- The NCC went into Executive Session to review and approve prior meeting minutes.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- *Stakeholders Meeting:* Chairman Schmidt handed out a draft agenda. So far five counties have committed to sending participants. Steve Szulecki will ensure that the equipment needed for PowerPoint presentations is set up. Although the dangers of emissions are not really noise related, it was agreed that an argument can be made that some people might move their generator inside for fear of disturbing their neighbor with noise. Dr. Udasin will therefore give a short presentation on the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning. She pointed out that 1,200 people were admitted to hospitals during Sandy for similar exposure. The Rutgers Noise Technical Assistance Center News Letter should go out in a couple of days to approximately 3,000 people with information about the stakeholders meeting. Director Eric Zwerling played a phone message from the Vice President of Engineering for Generac, an emergency generator manufacturer, who stated that someone from their company will probably attend the meeting.
- *Bylaws Review/Revisions:* The review of the Bylaws was tabled until after the stakeholders meeting.
- *Council Member Biographies:* The NCC is still missing Susan Debiec's bio. Chairman Schmidt may hand the bios out at the stakeholders meeting.
- *Part 150 Study/Port Authority Roundtable:* The next meeting is scheduled for June 10th and it is open to the public. So far nothing has been sent regarding submitting Norm Dotti's name as a potential member representing the NCC. Since many of the Port Authority records were destroyed during 9/11, Jerome Feder has volunteered his records pertaining to the PANYNJ and FAA environmental studies dating back to the 1980s. The records can be scanned and then returned to him.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- *Helicopter Noise:* NCC member Randy Hauser distributed information and articles regarding helicopter noise. He feels that other states are being more proactive in protecting the public by implementing height restrictions for takeoff and landing and offering on-line complaint forms and complaint hotlines. Port Authority does have some restrictions and a complaint hotline. Mr. Hauser may attend the next Newark Liberty International Airport Committee Roundtable meeting to bring this up. The Overlook Hospital and Revel Casino are both proposing helicopter pads on their roofs.

V. OPENING OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

No one from the public was in attendance.

VI. MEETING MINUTES

The February (Steve Szulecki moved Jerome Feder seconded) and April (Norm Dotti moved and John Kapfer seconded) meeting minutes were approved without change. Joe Lepis stated that he would be responding to the “Memo to the File” which was also approved. The Memo contained personal comments regarding Mr. Lepis’s actions with regard to contacting DEP Assistant Commissioner John Giordano to discuss the “at or within” section of the guidance document, without the NCC’s knowledge or approval

VII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for June 9th and it will be dedicated to the Stakeholders Meeting on Emergency Generators.

Respectfully submitted:

David E. Triggs, NJDEP, Liaison to the NCC