

NEW JERSEY NOISE CONTROL COUNCIL (NCC)
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015
MEETING MINUTES

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

I. MEETING MINUTES

The meeting minutes for May (Norm Dotti motioned and Joe Lepis seconded), June (Norm Dotti motioned and John Kapferer seconded) and July (Joe Lepis motioned and Randy Hauser seconded) were approved with minor changes.

II. CHAIR REPORT

- New NCC member John Lago, representing the Department of Community Affairs was introduced. Mr. Lago replaced Drake Rizzo who could no longer attend the meetings.
- Each member must complete the on-line ethics training as a state requirement for all board and committee members. All of the Ex-Officio members already took the training as part of their department's requirements. Members need to submit a certificate of proof to David Triggs upon completion.
- A recent Star Ledger article featured plans for a new rooftop helicopter pad at the Overlook Hospital in Summit. There was no mention of the potential noise impact even though residents are nearby.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- *Council Appointments:* There was no update on whether Joseph DiFillippo's recommendation for NCC membership was ever sent to Governor's Office.
- *Stakeholders Meeting:* A brief meeting summary should be drafted and sent to the Commissioner of the DEP.
- *By-Laws:* Most of the discussion pertained to the "Nominations and Elections" section. Following other minor changes to the document John Kapferer motioned and Randy Hauser seconded accepting the revisions. Chairman Schmidt will make the accepted amendments and send a revised version out before the next meeting.
- *Vehicles entering/exiting:* Norm Dotti distributed copies of a letter he wrote to Ed DiPolvere, a former Bureau Chief for the Department's Office of Noise Control (which no longer exists) along with a report of a public hearing held in 1984 to support his contention that when the Department removed the exemption for motor vehicles on commercial property they meant vehicles directly involved in site operations (i.e., lift trucks, bucket loaders, yard tractors), not all vehicles entering and exiting the facility. Chairman Schmidt suggested that the members review the documents and determine the validity of his argument at the next meeting. If the NCC does agree, the guidance document will have to be amended and the Council's findings should be formally submitted to the Department to be used in future "policy statements" regarding this issue. The current policy is that commercial vehicles that are part of a facility's

normal operations can be regulated once they cross the property line. This does not include patrons/customers or regular employees commuting to work.

- *Part 150 Roundtable:* The FAA will be giving a presentation on helicopter noise at the September 15th roundtable meeting at the Newark Liberty International Airport.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

V. OPENING OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

No one from the public was in attendance.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting date is scheduled for October 13th

Respectfully submitted:

David E. Triggs, NJDEP, Liaison to the NCC