

Dallas Small Business Advisory Committee

Wednesday, July 23, 2008 at 10:00AM - Noon
North Dallas Chamber of Commerce, 10707 Preston Road, Dallas, TX 75230

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Priorities for FY08

1. Ensure a variety of small businesses are represented on the SBAC/recruited for membership
2. Develop relationships with elected officials to ensure they are informed on small business environmental issues
3. Provide SBAC input on rules and major issues facing the agency

Draft Minutes

Attendees

SBAC Members–Ken Benson, John Larkin, Jeannette Pennington, Marcus Reed, Rebecca Scott, Stacy Wright

SBEA–Tasha Burns, Lori Rose, Brian Christian

TCEQ–Tinicha McKinney

Information from Austin – Brian Christian, SBLGA section manager

Members were informed of upper management changes:

- Mark Vickery – Executive Director
- Carlos Rubinstein- Deputy Executive Director
- Zak Covar – Assistant Deputy Executive Director

SBLGA management changes: Andrew Gardner, SBLGA team leader, has moved to the Landscape Irrigation Program. The new team leader is Anne Marie Callery.

Compliance History and Penalty Policy update: There will be no proposed changes or modifications to compliance history rules. The following changes have been made to Penalty Policy procedures:

- 1) Downward penalty adjustment for partial good faith effort to comply
- 2) Local governments and nonprofits will not receive increased penalty for economic benefit of non-compliance
- 3) Financial inability to pay will allow \$100 min/month for as long as necessary to pay penalty.

C2 Compliance Commitment Program: Discussed the idea of placing a limit on the amount of renewals a company may have. Companies that have been in the program for 2 years or more should have knowledge of compliance and may become subject to investigations. The contractor is finding compliance issues with companies during C2 renewal visits.

SBLGA FY08 project update:

- TERP: applications for \$240 million of grant funds submitted, and funds for only \$106 million.
- AirCheck Texas: By June 1, 2008, the program had removed almost 10,000 older, polluting vehicles from counties having a vehicle inspection and maintenance (I&M) program.
- Petroleum storage tank workshop hosted by Stacy Wright in Farmer's Branch (100 attendees) and Larry Martin in Hurst (93 attendees)
- Dry Cleaner workshop hosted by Stacy Wright in Farmer's Branch (25 attendees)
- Waste Water record keeping and reporting workshop in Ft. Worth (84 attendees)

Open Forum – Ken Benson, Co-Chair

Members discussed local government participation in TERP, and what can be done within the program to increase participation.

Ken Benson invited Linda Coop and State Representatives office staff to attend SBAC meeting in the fall. He plans to invite local congressional offices also.

Members discussed strategies for increasing local government participation in SBAC, such as an SBAC brochure or handout.

FY2009 SBAC organizational discussion

Brian Christian reviewed SBAC proposal, primarily discussing the desire for SBACs to become more independent.

Members voted to keep FY08 priorities for FY09.

Action Items:

- Contact TERP program to initiate meeting between TERP and local governments- Brian Christian
- Provide input to TCEQ to increase local government participation in TERP- SBAC members
- Provide input on draft SBAC charter and SBAC Survey of Success- SBAC members

Meetings for Fiscal Year 2009

Wednesday November 12, 2008 at 10 am

Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at 10 am

Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at 10 am

Wednesday, August 5, 2009 at 10 am