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CITY OF DELAWARE CITY
BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting on Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at Delaware City Town Hall

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 7:12 p.m. Those present included Deborah Crabtree, Brenda Parker, and E. M. Donia Gonzales.

ACTION UPON MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion was made by Brenda Parker to accept the July 13, 2011 Board of Health meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by E. M. Donia Gonzales.

OLD BUSINESS

COOL CITIES

Board Member Stan Green had indicated at the July meeting that he wanted further discussion before making a recommendation to Mayor and Council. However, City Manager Cathcart, who was present in the audience, indicated that Mayor and Council had discussed Cool Cities at their August meeting and it was approved. Cathcart said that the mayor will sign the U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement signature page, signing was delayed due to the hurricane. This is no longer an active Board of Health issue.

SIGN FOR PARK

Chairperson Crabtree forwarded the information about the sign to City Manager Cathcart who will check on the status.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL FOR CODE/CHARTER AMENDING: LIFT RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR PHYSICIAN SERVING ON BOH (POSSIBLE MEMBER – BRIAN CHANDLER, D.C.); RENAMING BOH; DCFC REPRESENTATIVE; CONSISTENCY; ADDITIONAL SEATS FOR BOH; ENHANCE ANIMAL CONTROL REGULATIONS

The outstanding Board of Health recommendations to Mayor and Council regarding revisions to the Board of Health Article and Animal Regulation Chapter of the Delaware City Code and the Delaware City Charter were discussed.

In addition, it was reiterated Board Member Stan Green's concerns over the existing language. Stan Green wanted clarification on if the current language of the Code is accurate in terms of the Board of Health (Delaware City Code, Chapter 21, Article VII, Section 21-58. d.), and if the Board exercises this power, could that be a liability? Chairperson Crabtree did call attention to that language at the July Mayor and Council meeting when she presented for the Board of Health.

However, the Board of Health section will not be discussed by the Charter Subcommittee until November. City Manager Cathcart provided some information about the process to change the town's code. The Charter Subcommittee will make revisions, it will be reviewed by the city's attorney, and the city hopes to hold a public hearing on the draft, possibly in December. Then it will be forwarded to the Delaware General Assembly.

The outstanding recommendations are as follows:

Outstanding June 2010 Recommendation

The Charter and Code, in X.10-02.A. and VII.21-52. respectively, be amended to lift the residency requirement for a physician serving on the Board of Health.

Outstanding May 2010 Recommendations

The Board of Health be renamed "The Board of Health and Safety." The revised name would be more representative of our role as cited in the Charter - X.10-02.B. "The Board of Health ... shall report to the Mayor and Council in writing whatever in its judgment is injurious to the health and **safety** of the citizens and shall make recommendations to the Mayor and Council..." and as cited in the Code- VII.21-58.d. "The Board shall have the power to require reports and information from any school, hospital or other institution, or from any physician, undertaker or other individual regarding conditions of health and **safety**."

Revised

The Charter and Code, in X.10-02.A. and VII.21-52. respectively, be amended to require that at least one of the members of the Board of Health be a representative of the Delaware City Fire Company or have a representative from the DCFC Chief's Office attend and serve as an advisor.

Outstanding March 2010 Recommendations

The Charter be amended to so that it is consistent with the Code to state there "**shall**" be a Councilperson on the Board of Health. Currently, the Charter (X.10-02.A.) states, "The Board of Health ... and one of whom **may** be a Councilperson, who is assigned to the Board of Health." In contrast, the Code (VII.21-52.) states: "One member **shall** be the Councilperson of Delaware City in charge of the Board of Health..."

The Charter (X.10-02.A.) and Code (VII.21-51.) be amended to permit 7 persons (versus the current limit of 5) to be more similar to other committees such as Historic Preservation Commission and

the Planning Commission. This would allow additional persons from the Fire Department, Police Department and other interested key players to be involved in the Board of Health.

Outstanding April 2010 Recommendation (revised)

Recommends that Mayor and Council review, refine and strengthen Chapter 24 of the Code, "Animal Regulation Code." Recommendation to enhance to a leash law, language on leash laws can be found in New Castle County Code:

<http://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=11287&stateId=8&stateName=Delaware>

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN (EOP) AND CITIZEN CORPS

City Manager Cathcart has a copy of the draft Emergency Operations Plan for the city. It is being reviewed. It was discussed that the Board of Health could learn more about Citizen Corps and take advantage of their train the trainer programs. The board could possibly host trainings at the community center or other location. The board has been trying to have a representative from Citizen Corps come present. Ms. Gonzales has been trying to reach someone and will keep trying.

DELAWARE CITY CAT POPULATION

Board of Health Member Brenda Parker will get in touch with Councilperson Jennifer M. Sullivan, also a member of the Board of Health, regarding this issue as it is of interest to both of them

ANIMAL ISSUES; INCLUSION IN DC NEWSLETTER; PENALTY FUNDS

As it would appear that use of penalty funds for something like a dog run would not be a good fit and animal control suggestions have appeared in previous editions of the city newsletter, this is no longer an active Board of Health issue.

OTHER ISSUES

City Manager Cathcart just wanted to mention that the city is planning a shredding event, where residents can bring sensitive papers for shredding disposal; and a household hazardous waste collection event. Hopefully, these events will be in October, details to follow.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Crabtree adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.