



Buffalo Environmental Management Commission

MINUTES

Meeting of Wednesday, September 16, 2015

The meeting started at 8:15 AM and was held in Room 901 City Hall.

Commissioners Attending: A. Robinson, J. Hackney, C. Grieco, D. Hahn-Baker, F. Armento,

Not Attending: J. Bauda, J. Gardella

Others Attending: D. Sutton (COB support staff), Kimberly Nason (Phillips Lytle), Joe Lenihan (Kideny Architects)

Minutes – Approval of March, April, May, July, and August 2015 minutes was tabled.

SEQRA/Sustainable Development

- Kimberly Nason of Phillips Lytle, LLP and Joe Lenihan of Kideny Architects, representing Greenleaf Development attended the meeting to present information on the Campus Walk One housing project near Buffalo State College. The project encompasses multiple uses, including 80 units of student housing and 4,100 square feet of retail space in Phase I. A portion of the project was subject to a rezoning variance approval from the Planning Board.

The SEQRA Type I Action received a Negative Declaration designation. The Commission had questions regarding the procedure to arrive at the neg dec. This should have been a coordinated review with input from the Sewer Department, Public Works and other involved agencies. The Commission questioned the premise that no comments were received from any other agencies.

- Ciminelli, was requested to address the Commission during September's meeting regarding the property at 82 Harrison Street. This is the proposed site of the new Seneca Babcock Community Center and location of former School 26.

During the August 2015 meeting the Commission questioned whether the EAF was completed property, since there were some items unchecked. It was also questioned whether the EAF mapper was used since there was no mention of the groundwater contamination concerns and the ongoing NYSDEC cleanup efforts at the Buffalo China site and surrounding area.

A representative for Ciminelli did not attend the meeting.

Other

- There was a general discussion regarding the timing of the approval of the City's Green Code.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2015.