New Haven



Environmental Advisory Council Meeting Wednesday, January 3, 2024 5:15 P.M.

Web-Based Meeting via Zoom

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order, Introductions and Announcements
- **II.** Approval of Minutes
- **III.** Introductions:
 - a. Keyana White, EPA Environmental Justice specialist assigned to New Haven community
 - b. Benjamin Lovejoy, Project Manager Stephanie Camp, Deputy Project Manager SCROG New Haven region Climate Action Plan
- IV. Presentation: Tweed Airport Increased GHG Emissions Lorena Venegas, New Haven Citizens Climate Lobby and 10,000 Hawks
- V. Old Business
 - a. Committee Reports Lawn Chemicals, Turf, Energy, Water, Air, Materials Management, Transportation, Soil, Parks, Lights, Noise, Beautification
 - b. Updates on Pending City Issues
 - i. English Station remediation EAC requesting mtg, progress
 - ii. Wheeler St Transfer Station lawsuit pending
 - iii. Bird Safe Bldgs awaiting City Plan Dept
 - iv. Leaf Blowers EPA examining, Greenwich voting 1/16
 - v. TCB-Chapel St Park/Playground trees, playing surface
 - vi. Request submitted for BoA pesticides/artificial turf hearing
 - vii. Tweed Airport FAA ruled EIS not needed
 - viii. Yale Golf Course awaiting Army Corps of Engineers
 - ix. Buckeye DEEP sent violation notice for lack of EJ plan
 - x. Proposal for microtransit route grant fully funded
 - xi. Mini liquor bottle \$ for recycling educator progress?
 - xii. Sirens noise creating public health problems
 - xiii. Public Housing set back for green space & sun needed
 - xiv. Eco Park, Waste Facility/incinerator-awaiting CPC review

- xv. GNHWPCA 5-yr plan CMT mtg discussion requested
- xvi. Overflowing Long Wharf garbage blowing into LI Sound
- xvii. Access to Little River from Lowe's New Haven parking lot

c. Office of Climate and Sustainability Initiatives

VI. Legislative Update – City, State, and Federal

- a. CGA Session starts 2/4/24
- b. Quiet Communities Act 2021 Response to EPA re:ONAC funding
- c. U.S. Congress S 269, HR 5085,

Protect America's Children From Toxic Pesticides Act – EAC requested co-sponsorship by Senatorss Blumenthal and Murphy and Congresswoman DeLauro

VII. New Business

- a. Traffic Mobile digital billboards
- b. Testing for PFAS, toxic chemicals on artificial turf fields
- c. Hooker School Considering Artificial Turf Field PTA mtg 1/24

VIII.Adjournment

FUTURE MEETINGS: Feb 7 – March 7 – April 3 – May 1 – June 5

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