

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Appointments to Eugene Toxics Board

Meeting Date: December 13, 2010
Department: Fire & EMS
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Agenda Item Number: 2D
Staff Contact: Jo Eppli
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ISSUE STATEMENT

There are currently two vacancies on the City of Eugene Toxics Board. One vacancy is for Position 1, an industry position, and the other is for Position 6, an advocacy position. The City received two applications for the industry position, and one for the advocacy position. The Toxics Board has now interviewed all three applicants, and recommends appointing David Beede to Position 1, and Randall Prince to Position 6.

BACKGROUND

The Eugene Toxics Right-to-Know Program was created and is governed by Section 54 of the Eugene City Charter, adopted by citizen initiative in November, 1996. It requires that businesses meeting certain criteria report their hazardous substance use to the City, that the City make that information public, and that hazardous substance users pay fees as necessary to operate the program.

To be required to report and pay a fee, a business must: a) be a manufacturer (i.e., have a Standard Industrial Classification in the 2000s or 3000s); b) operate a stationary facility within the Eugene city limits; c) have 10 or more full-time equivalent employees during the course of a calendar year; and d) have total inputs of reportable hazardous substances of more than 2,640 pounds in a calendar year.

The program requires the Fire Marshal's Office to perform certain duties (investigations, audits, etc.), and is overseen by a seven-member, appointed, citizen board that is empowered to provide policy direction and advise the City Council.

The Eugene Toxics Right-to Know Program relates to the following Eugene City Council Goals and Outcomes: Safe Community; Sustainable Development; and Effective, Accountable Municipal Government.

RELATED CITY POLICIES

Section 6.2(B) (3) of Eugene Charter Section 54 (Amendment IV)

COUNCIL OPTIONS

1. Appoint David Beede to Position 1, and Randall Prince to Position 6.
2. Decide not to appoint David Beede to Position 1, and Randall Prince to Position 6, and provide other direction.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

The City Manager and the Eugene Toxics Board recommend the appointment of David Beede to Position 1, and Randall Prince to Position 6 to the Eugene Toxics Board.

SUGGESTED MOTION

Move to appoint David Beede to Position 1 on the Eugene Toxics Board, to the unexpired term of Maeve Sowles, ending June 30, 2013.

Move to appoint Randall Prince to Position 6 on the Eugene Toxics Board, to the unexpired term of Elizabeth Weaver, ending June 30, 2012.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Candidate Applications

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Interested Applicants

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Name	David . Beede	Evening Phone	206-619-5961	Day Phone	541-686-0012
Address	410 Chambers Street Eugene OR 97402	Do You Live within the City Limits?	Y	If so how long?	21 years
Occupation	Environmental Specialist	Ward	2	Neighborhood	Southeast Neighbors
Business Address	410 Chambers Street Eugene OR 97402	Employer	A&K Development Company		
Optional Information		Fax	541-485-2892	E-Mail	dtbeede@comcast.net
Gender	M	Age	46-55	Ethnicity	White/European American
Additional Languages spoken	English	How did you learn of this vacancy?	Newspaper		
Education / Training	Bachelor of Science Environmental Studies / Geology, University of Oregon Associate of Science in Electronics and Oregon Arts Transfer, Lane Community College				
Community Service / Volunteer	Board Member Willamette Backcountry Ski Patrol; National Ski Patrol affiliate organization.				
Personal Experience	Environmental Site Assessments Remedial Investigations Project Management Site Characterization Closure Reporting				
Job Experience	-Corporate Director Environmental Health and Safety A&K Development Company				



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Personal Interest

Contribution

Bicycling, Skiing-Nordic and Alpine, Motorcycling, Hiking, Photography, Spending time with my family.

To represent the interests of the business community on the Toxic Board

2 Please explain your understanding of Eugene's right-to-know law.

The right to know program requires a segment of the Eugene business community to report specific chemicals that are consumed on an annual basis. This information is then posted on a City of Eugene website. The database is administered by the City of Eugene Fire Marshals office which takes the data and posts it on the City of Eugene's Right to Know database.

3 How would you work to make decisions as a board member given that there may be persons on the board whose views are in direct opposition to yours? do you have any experience doing this? Please explain.

I have been a member of multiple boards composed of people from various backgrounds and belief systems. My membership on other boards have been conducted in a way that imparts my belief system and agenda in a manner that is courteous and professional. I can amicably work within a diverse group and professionally represent the interests of the group I am there to represent.

4 Please describe your experience in the formation of or implementation of public policy and regulations.

My specific experience has been less in the formation and more in the interpretation and implementation of public policy & regulations.

5 Why did you apply for the Toxics Board, and what do you hope to contribute?

I applied to represent the interests of the business community that files annual Toxics Right to Know reports. As this program is part of the Cities charter and required by local industry to participate in, it is my intention to ease the burden on industry as much as possible.

6 FOR INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE ONLY:

Is the company that you represent required to report under Eugene's Toxics Right -to-Know law?

Yes



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7 FOR INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES ONLY:

Please discuss your role and responsibilities in the business you represent/

As the Corporate Health & Safety representative for A&K Development Company, I complete all the required reporting requirements for the City of Eugene Toxics Right to Know program and have met with other reporting businesses in order to gain knowledge of their position on the Right to Know program.

8 FOR RIGHT-TO-KNOW ADVOCATES ONLY:

Please describe your experience advocating for the public's right to know.

NA

9 FOR RIGHT TO KNOW ADVOCATES ONLY:

Please describe your familiarity with chemical substances and processes used in manufacturing.

I have worked as a hazardous waste permitting and compliance specialist for a number of years. Currently I work for a manufacturer and administer permitting and compliance programs for Hazardous waste, industrial discharge permitting, stormwater, toxic right to know. Prior to this I worked in a consulting capacity for a large consulting firm in the Seattle area conducting sub surface investigations for fate and transport of contaminants. I have conducted multiple environmental due diligence investigations for diverse industries assessing and making recommendations to address recognized environmental conditions.



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Name	Kristina . Bokody	Evening Phone	541-221-8480	Day Phone	541-335-0040
Address	93267 Bear Creek Ranch Rd Junction City OR 97448	Do You Live within the City Limits?	N	If so how long?	
Occupation	EHS Associate	Ward	Not in E-UGB	Neighborhood	None
Business Address	29851 Willow Creek Rd Eugene OR 97402	Employer	Life Technologies		
Optional Information		Fax	541-335-0058	E-Mail	kristina.bokody@lifetech.com
Gender	F	Age	26-35	Ethnicity	White/European American
Additional Languages spoken					
Education / Training	BS Environmental Science - Metropolitan State College of Denver, HAZWOPER 40hr, Hazardous/Toxic Waste Management course				
Community Service / Volunteer	Serve on Life Technologies "Global Citizenship Committee", organize blood drives and volunteer work parties. Volunteered for Greenhill Humane Society 2004-2005				
Job Experience	EHS Associate - Life Tech (2006-present); EHS Specialist - JH Baxter (2005-2006); NW Hatmat (2004-2006)				
Personal Experience	Have worked in environmental/hazmat/safety field for 6 years.				
Disability	N	Description	Word of Mouth		



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My department compiles data and generates the annual Toxic's report for Life Technologies - Eugene. It's in my company's interest to be apprised of any developments.

I can give an industry perspective to board meetings.

2 Please explain your understanding of Eugene's right-to-know law.

I know it is a program enacted by voters which required business that meet certain criteria to report a materials balance of listed and other reportable chemicals on a yearly basis.

3 How would you work to make decisions as a board member given that there may be persons on the board whose views are in direct opposition to yours? do you have any experience doing this? Please explain.

I always try to respect, and see things from all points of view. I think this is essential if you are trying to make the best possible decision. It has worked well for me in the past trying to get support for unpopular or difficult safety policies.

4 Please describe your experience in the formation of or implementation of public policy and regulations.

I vote. Also, I help to implement regulations/policies at my workplace.

5 Why did you apply for the Toxics Board, and what do you hope to contribute?

I applied because my supervisor wanted to keep apprised on developments withing the Toxic's board, and thought I would be a good fit. I would contribute a perspective from the sector of industry that is required to report.

6 FOR INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE ONLY:

Is the company that you represent required to report under Eugene's Toxics Right -to-Know law?

yes

7 FOR INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES ONLY:

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I manage hazardous waste at the facility, and work with the rest of the EHS team to provide safety training on use of hazardous materials, help guide company policy.



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8 FOR RIGHT-TO-KNOW ADVOCATES ONLY:

Please describe your experience advocating for the public's right to know.

N/A

9 FOR RIGHT TO KNOW ADVOCATES ONLY:

Please describe your familiarity with chemical substances and processes used in manufacturing.

N/A



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Name	Randall L. Prince	Evening Phone	541-345-3306	Day Phone	541-345-3306
Address	PO Box 927	Do You Live within the City Limits?	Y	If so how long?	34 years
Occupation	Teacher	Ward	3	Neighborhood	Amazon Neighbors
Business Address	Eugene OR 97440	Employer	various districts		
Optional Information		Fax	E-Mail		
Gender	M	Age	56-65	Ethnicity	White/European American
Additional Languages spoken	Spanish				
Education / Training	College Chemistry & Physics. Oregon Teaching License; HQ to teach Physical Science. Shop/Industrial Arts at HS and College level. Occupational Safety & Health.				
Community Service / Volunteer	Co-Chair Neighborhood Leaders Council, Amazon Neighbors. Program Committee, Eugene City Club. State Coordinating Committee Pacific Green Party. West Eugene Env Health Proj.				
Job Experience	Offset printer, litho prep commercial darkroom. Truck trailer assembly, mobile home manufacturing. US Census crew leader, office temp. High school/middle school teacher. Hospital admitting clerk.				
Personal Experience	Oregon Dept Geology & Minerals Advisory Committee for Eugene/Springfield Soil Study. Environmental activist-- forest and wilderness. Hiking, camping, biking, running, racewalking.				



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Contribution

Maintain effective environmental protections in a sensible way that wins community acceptance for good regulations. Support healthy community, reduce medical industry cost of living.

Solution-finder, dispute resolver. Improve my resume of experience for employment in appropriate occupations where I may be job-seeking.

2 Please explain your understanding of Eugene's right-to-know law.

Manufacturers and other entities within the city limits possessing a certain minimum of toxic chemicals are required to to periodically report the amount of such chemicals at their locations and what happens to them--retained, moved elsewhere, consumed in manufacturing or made into products, or released to the environment.

3 How would you work to make decisions as a board member given that there may be persons on the board whose views are in direct opposition to yours? do you have any experience doing this? Please explain.

Look for the common interests that would exist between adversarial parties, acknowledge those and come to agreement on initial points, then build on that. Use techniques from alternative dispute resolution, especially mediation. Yes, I have experience--I have served as Co-Chair of my Neighborhood Association for the last three years, and other organizations.

4 Please describe your experience in the formation of or implementation of public policy and regulations.

I have participated in hearings to develop legislation at the state, county and municipal level. I have attended and commented at Eugene Police Commission committee work sessions to develop policy. I have attended meetings of other Boards and Commissions of State and local governments, as well as the law-making bodies themselves (Legislature, County Commission, City Council). As Co-Chair of both Eugene's Neighborhood Leaders Council and the Amazon Neighborhood Association, I must regularly assess how to gain consideration of my constituents opinions and interests law and policy making groups in the City of Eugene. I have also conducted public relations campaigns in the news media to influence policy-making decisions.

5 Why did you apply for the Toxics Board, and what do you hope to contribute?

Good opportunity to use my knowledge of industry and practical concerns for safety to satisfy both parties in potentially adversarial situations. Hone skills as dispute-resolver or preventer. Maintain protections of existing law in context of changing business and industrial conditions.



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X

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Please discuss your role and responsibilities in the business you represent/

X

8 FOR RIGHT-TO-KNOW ADVOCATES ONLY:

Please describe your experience advocating for the public's right to know.

I helped with the effort to establish this ordinance and other activities of the Citizens for Public Accountability to address concerns over chemicals to be kept at the Willow Creek location where Eugene's first semiconductor plant was built. I am currently employed as a survey interviewer for the West Eugene Environmental Health Project, a project of the Oregon Toxics Alliance.

9 FOR RIGHT TO KNOW ADVOCATES ONLY:

Please describe your familiarity with chemical substances and processes used in manufacturing.

In the early 1970's in Michigan I took Industrial Arts classes in high school and at Eastern Michigan University and then worked in the printing industry. I have worked in other industries as well. I became familiar with Right to Know regulations in the workplace through a college course in Occupational Safety that covered both practicalities and more philosophical aspects such as cost-benefit analysis. I served as Safety Officer for a small reforestation and firefighting company in Eugene in the 1990's; also in the '90's I had a several-month temporary agency assignment to a major semiconductor manufacturer (Wacker Siltronic). My job was to collect and organize data for the plant's annual report to the State Fire Marshall; nearly 600 different potentially hazardous materials with MSDSs were involved. General Chem 1 year sequence with lab at U of Oregon, other college work in biochemistry, physics.