

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 7, 2010

SMYRNA AREA REST STOP CONFERENCE ROOM

Members Present: William Pelham, Bruce Allison, Dr. Bethany Hall-Long, Dr. Jay Julis, Pamela Meitner, Brian Lewis, and Harold Truxon. **The Quorum was Met.**

Members Absent: Douglas Corey, Robert Frederick, LaVaida Owens-White, and Marvin Thomas.

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mr. Pelham called the meeting to order at 9:44 A.M.

II. Meeting Protocol Review

The protocol was mentioned as in evidence on the backside of members' nameplates.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION was made by Mr. Lewis with a second by Mr. Truxon to approve the meeting minutes of October 19, 2010 with a few grammatical changes. All in favor and the motion passed.

IV. Community Ombudsman Report

Mr. Brunswick reported he held two workshops with a total of 22 people in attendance from nine different organizations. There were six organizations interested in submitting air related projects which could be difficult for Air Quality because air projects require a great deal of time and there are currently on two people with the expertise to monitor them. Mr. Brunswick said he will ensure the air sponsors are identified and have them participate in the review of the applications. Mr. Brunswick also mentioned that on Line 66, of the CEPF, \$120, 000 had claims on the penalty with a balance remaining. We can now track the penalties that have been claimed. Mr. Brunswick's said his number is 72, Admin. Reserve, and includes salary, travel and benefits for two years.

Weatherization Assistance Program

Each of households had an audit for missed opportunities for an upgrade. The agreement is for Health and Social Services to continue to handle the furnace repairs. Work is being done on creating the correct accountability for this program. There is a limit on the cost for households of \$6,500 which largely consists of furnace repairs. It is critical for RCAD to keep the program for rural community development and to assist low income households.

Community Coalition Monitoring

The Community Coalition Monitoring Group has submitted a letter to the Secretary asking if they can keep the remaining \$19,546 and continue monitoring and sampling through December. They are putting sampling together for a meeting in late January or February and they will submit an application for next year. They have a good relationship with Claymont Steel and the controls are going in place as scheduled by the Secretary's Order.

MOTION was made by Mr. Julius to let them continue using money already allocated with a second by Mr. Truxon. All in favor and the motion carried.

City of Rehoboth Beach

City of Rehoboth submitted a financial report and a request for reimbursement for the contract and they will send a written narrative report.

Dragon Run

Dragon Run project received a \$100,000 grant from the Division of Parks and Recreation to build a canoe launch on a bird observation platform at Dragon Run Creek in the Delaware City Park. The grant funded the drawings for the project. The Army Corps of Engineers would not approve the location of the canoe launch in federal wetlands, but the Department approved the construction of the platform in State designated area wetlands. There may also be additional costs for moving the platform which will be overseen by an engineer. The Department's Parks and Recreation Division is not comfortable with the cost over runs on the project. They may suggest that DE City Parks go ahead with the platform or the canoe launch and then see if Century Engineering will oversee it. CIAC portion was \$33,000 out of the \$133,000. They want to know if the CIAC is open for them coming back for more monies. It is hard to project out the costs since there always seem to be frequent construction cost overruns. The project consists of a canoe launch area, walking trail through woods of about a ½ mile, and an observation platform with a really pretty view. Bob Eheman, the project sponsor, and Mr. Brunswick will meet with DE City Parks district to see if they would contribute some of their monies.

DE Center for Horticulture

Shore Landscape and Design was the winning bidder with a bid of \$69,000 to plant 329 plants in the Town of Seaford. The volunteer support promised in planting the trees did not materialize so the initial planting will be done by contract. The DE Center for

Horticulture will still meet the matching requirement through other funding. They reworked the project by shifting the funds by 10 percent and following the Department's guidelines for federal grants. The planting is set to begin this month. They marked the locations of the trees to be planted and will meet with the City of Seaford to approve these locations.

Dover Kent MPO

This project is complete and the number of people viewing the advertisement far surpassed the expected number. There were a total of 236,111 people viewing the advertisement but only twelve who used the on line service.

Asthma Project

The Division of Air Quality identified 6 companies as contributors of fugitive dust and they invited all 6 of the companies to discuss a requirement for each to come up with a dust control plan. If their dust control plan is adequate it will then become a part of their air permit conditions. The three companies who attended were Pure Green Holdings, Edgemoor Materials, and Strobert Tree Services. Representative Jay Johnson also participated in the meeting. Representatives of each of the three companies also spoke at the meeting and left with a better handle on the costs of the materials needed to control dust. There are several locations for monitoring equipment and the Labor Union had two local contractors who were interested but wanted to be paid so the project changed from air monitoring to mapping facilities and identifying contaminates. These companies also have emergency plans to notify the communities.

Hamilton Park

Hamilton Park is a community that DNREC's SIRB has investigated for abandoned tanning sites but found arsenic contamination. SIRB met with Public Health who explained the health risks on the site. The process of remediation of the site will cost \$25,000. This site has fugitive dust, hazardous waste, and air quality issues. The Port of Wilmington considering a buyout of the Hamilton Park Community but their biggest obstacle was the considerable number of people who would not move. Out of about 100 homeowners, are seniors who were not willing to move because they had been there all their life and did not feel a threat from the contamination near their homes. SIRB continues to meet with Public Health and started the Healthy Homes Initiative in that area. The Healthy Homes Initiative provides door mats and vacuum cleaners. Public Health will pay for any additional sampling. SIRB and Public Health will meet on December 15, 2010 at the Rosehill Community Center with the residents to explain what they found and how they will clean it up.

V. Open Forum

Mr. Truxon asked for a copy of the report on the water sampling of the Town of Ellendale. Mr. Brunswick said he will look for the report.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Henderson
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The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Community Involvement Advisory Council members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall of presentations.