

Meeting Minutes
Fairmont Community Liaison Panel
November 4, 2004

Attendees: Steve Cain, Nick Fantasia, Griff Fowler, Karen Gribben, Bea Hunter, Jim Martin, Bruce McDaniel, Barbara Metcalfe, John Parks, Charles Reese, Bob Sapp, Jim Succurro, Butch Tennant, Rich Wood, Marcella Yaremchuk.

ExxonMobil
Representative: Art Chin.

Agency
Representatives: Carrie Deitzel, Melissa Pennington, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); Tom Bass, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP).

Contractors: Pete Kipin, John Sigler, Kipin Industries; Gregory Parana, Brian Stacks, CDM.

Guests: John Hannig, ExxonMobil; Kelly Barth, Times West Virginian; Janet Bailey, Larry Norman, Jim Buzzard, Dave Mellish, John Metcalfe, Fred Barley, Dean Haldeman, Doug Taylor.

Facilitator: Tricia Kingery, Ann Green Communications, Inc.

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The regular meeting of the Fairmont Community Liaison Panel (FCLP) was called to order by facilitator Tricia Kingery at 5:40 p.m. Tricia welcomed everyone and asked members and guests to introduce themselves. Tricia reviewed the agenda and said she will work with Art to distribute the minutes for the June and July meetings in the next couple of weeks. Tricia then provided an update on membership. She welcomed new members Jim Succurro, Jim Martin and Griff Fowler to the panel. Tricia reported absentee letters were mailed to members with three or more consecutive absences. Michael Cummings, William Fred Jacquez, John Watson and Norma Watson will be removed from the member list. As a result of membership changes, Tricia said she would send out a new member list to the panel. Tricia then explained the Unfinished Business and New Business agenda items will be combined to provide an update on the project and the Real Property Management Committee activity.

Unfinished/New Business

New Oversight Contractor for Project

Art Chin, announced that Camp Dresser & McKee Inc. (CDM) has replaced Shaw Environmental. ExxonMobil recognized there was different expertise needed as the project moved into the next phase of cleanup at the site. While there remains environmental work to be accomplished, much of this work would involve basic construction and earth moving - areas in which CDM has significant experience. In addition, CDM's expertise in wastewater treatment systems would be helpful in dealing with the surface water treatment requirements at the site. He then introduced Brian Stacks and Greg Parana of CDM.

Site Report

John Sigler, Kipin Industries, said progress has been made on the site. He reported 90,000 tons has been shipped to Grant Town and excavation of the North Landfill is almost complete. He said they have been on the site 23 months and hope to be finished soon.

Brian Stacks, CDM, reported CDM first arrived on the site July 20 and officially took over the site management from Shaw on September 3. He said they are currently following Shaw's procedures and are focusing their efforts on the surface water treatment system and ongoing maintenance.

Greg Parana, CDM, provided a report on air monitoring at the site. Greg reported daily air monitoring is conducted during excavation, load out and transport activities to ensure fugitive dust and Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) levels are below concentrations that would be harmful to workers, the public and the environment. Concentration of fugitive dust is measured immediately adjacent to the work zone (down wind) and at four perimeter monitoring locations. Greg said results consistently indicate airborne concentrations of dust are below project action levels. He added, isolated concentrations up to 277 mg/m³ have been measured due to insect interference. He explained this interference has been caused by caterpillars building cocoons in the optic housing over the course of a sample period.

With regard to monitoring for airborne VOC's, Greg reported the concentration of VOCs is measured immediately adjacent to the work zone (down wind) and at a four perimeter monitoring locations. He said results consistently indicate that airborne concentrations of VOC's are below project action levels. He added, occasional measurements have exceeded project action levels. However, further evaluations concluded that airborne VOC migration from the work site did not occur. Measurements exceeding the action levels have been attributed to high humidity during foggy conditions and monitoring during periods of rain.

New EPA Project Manager

Melissa Pennington introduced herself as the new EPA Project Manager for the site. She explained she worked on the site five years ago when the Project XL agreement was signed. Melissa then provided an update on the status of removal action in the Coal Storage and Handling areas with the Process Area of the site. She explained the next step is to get a work plan from ExxonMobil for the collection of confirmation samples from these areas. She said once sampling is complete, then sufficient information would then be available to determine whether any further cleanup was required. If based on the data, no further action was required in the Coal Storage and Handling areas, and then these areas could be regraded in preparation for their re-use. A similar decision for the Waste Management Area would have to await the completion of the excavation and recycling of the landfill wastes. Melissa then said that EPA had discussed with ExxonMobil and WVDEP whether it would be beneficial to move forward with a Record of Decision (ROD) for the Process Area of the site in order to expedite the redevelopment of this section of the site. She stated that there was agreement to pursue this course of action, realizing that removal actions within the By-Products and Light Oil Storage areas remained.

Robert Sapp asked how much longer it would take to complete the cleanup the Coal/Coke Storage and Handling. Art Chin responded by stating the delay has come from the difficulty in reaching a mutual agreement between ExxonMobil and EPA as to what needs to be done in order to move forward. Bob Sapp then said we have lost a year and we need to stay aggressive and then asked for a timeframe. Art said he hoped that all necessary cleanup activities in the Process Area would be done within a year in order to move forward with the ROD. With regards to potential groundwater contamination in the Coal Storage and Handling areas, Melissa stated that the data collected thus far indicates that the ground water has not been affected. Tom Bass also agreed that issues delaying the progress of work in the Process Area of the site have been resolved.

Doug Taylor, guest, said it sounds like the ROD is coming at the end of the clean up. Melissa responded and stated we have structured the whole process around removal activities. We do not expect any ground water cleanup. Also, in the ROD there will be land use restrictions. Melissa then said there will be a second ROD for the other part of the property.

Transfer of Trust Fund and Property to State of West Virginia

Tom Bass stated the trust monies have been transferred to the state and is in WestBanco in Fairmont, and these funds would now be available for development. He explained his office needs to approve the Redevelopment Committee's budget. He explained the title to the property was transferred to the state. John Parks asked if this is the entire property and Tom responded by stating it was the entire 107 acres.

Griff Fowler said he just wants to see the site cleaned up and for all of us to work together. He also said he is very pleased Melissa has returned to the project.

Real Property Management Committee Update

The Real Property Management Committee members include Bruce McDaniel, Karen Gribben, Robert Sapp, Marcella Yaremchuk, Bruce McDaniel, Rich Wood, Charles Reece, Mayor Nick Fantasia and Jay Rogers, City Planner.

Bruce McDaniel reported the committee has been meeting and is scheduled to meet with City Council on November 9 at 9 p.m. He explained the consultant who is helping develop the site will review uses, layout, theme, design and economic impact. Bruce said the committee would like to bring a master plan to the CLP in January. Bruce asked Melissa to work with them on future land use and specifically property restrictions. He explained one of the major elements is layout of access, specifically Route 73 access directly to the site. Melissa said with regard to access, they have been talking about moving the access road to somewhere off of Suncrest Boulevard. Bob Sapp asked if other access roads have been considered. Art said we are open to any ideas. Nick Fantasia said we need to bring highway officials to discuss access issues. Melissa said the goal of EPA is to move the access to where it will not be an obstruction.

Communication Update

Tricia reported the media advisory was distributed to Fairmont and surrounding area media. Kelly Barth with the *Times West Virginian* was present at the meeting.

In an effort to exchange information between the community, ExxonMobil, and the CLP members, Tricia asked members to discuss or comment on any issues that may be important to the group. Karen Gribben said she is glad Melissa is back and asked Carrie Deitzel, EPA, to share this appreciation with EPA. Bob Sapp requested photos of the site progress be presented at the next meeting.

Nick Fantasia made a motion to draft and send two letters of recognition. He explained one letter would be to ExxonMobil to recognize Art's leadership on the project and the other letter would be to EPA expressing appreciation for their responsiveness and action to bring Melissa Pennington back to the panel. Bruce McDaniel seconded this motion. Tricia will work with Nick to draft the letters on behalf of the panel members. Griff Fowler added, the panel also appreciates Tom Bass and John Sigler's efforts on the project.

Carrie Deitzel, EPA, reported she is in the process of drafting an update to the community. She plans to email and or mail a draft copy of the update to panel members for feedback.

Next Meeting and Agenda

The next meeting of the FCLP will be Thursday, January 6, 2005. In addition to the project update, the Real Property Management Committee will present a conceptual plan to the panel.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Next Meeting:	Thursday, January 6, 2005
	Circle W Building
	5 p.m. - Dinner
	5:30 p.m. – Meeting