

FINAL: CAG Minutes for July Meeting
7/14/04

Meeting of the Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group,
Robin Plance Chair
800 NE Oregon Ave., 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Minutes taken by Dorothy Shoemaker

Present at meeting:

Neighborhood Associations:

Robin Plance (b) (6) St. Johns
Chair, Administrative committee
coordinator
Peter Laughingwolf (b) (6) Cathedral Park

Business:

Steve Gunther (b) (6)
Progressive Products and Services

Environment:

Dorothy Shoemaker (b) (6) Sierra Club
Evaluation committee coordinator, Board Secretary
Rhett Lawrence rhett@ospirg.org OSPIRG
Travis Williams travis@willamette-riverkeeper.org Willamette Riverkeeper

At-Large

Jim Robison (b) (6) Citizen
(b) (6) Citizen
(b) (6) no email, (b) (6) Citizen
Joe Keating (b) (6) Oregon Wildlife Federation
Education and Outreach coordinator

Excused absences:

Neighborhood Associations:

Larry Talbert (b) (6) Hi Noon

Health:

Jane Haley-Harris jane@oregon-health.org OCEH

Recreation:

Bill Barrett (b) (6) Waterfront Org. of Oregon
(b) (6) (b) (6) Citizen

Resigned:

Neighborhood Associations:

(b) (6) (b) (6) Park

Others present:

Jim Anderson	DEQ	Anderson.jim@deq.state.or.us
Susan Safford	Port of Portland	saffos@portptld.com
Judy Smith	EPA	smithjudy@epa.gov
Barbara Smith	Lower Willamette Group	Barbara@harrisandsmith.com
Fenix Grange	DEQ	grange.fenix@deq.state.or.us
(b) (6)	Citizen	(b) (6)
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Keith Johnson	DEQ	Johnson.keith@deq.state.or.us
Chip Humphrey	EPA	humphrey.chip@epa.gov
Kim Cox	City of Portland	
Bob Wyatt	NW Natural	ijw@nwnatural.com

Robin Place called the meeting to order at 6:10. The next meeting is August 11, 2004, same time and place.

Raquel Coyote was excused.

Minutes from June: (b) (6) is Dorothy Shoemaker's correct email address. Steve asked that his comment be added, ie. The CAG could make removal of the warning signs by the DHS, a goal of the CAG.

MOTION to accept the minutes as amended: Joe moved, Peter seconded. All agreed.

The River Renaissance strategy booklet is available. Copies were provided to those who attended. The comment period goes until August 10, 2004. There is a meeting August 10 at 4 PM at the Planning Commission.

The Work Plan was approved in June, and is available on CD. Cds were provided.

The evaluation committee will meet with Sue Safford and Ann Summers on Friday, July 16 from 10 to noon at the OCEH offices. Judy Smith reported that Sean Sel Drake wants to join the evaluation committee by conference call. Everyone should read "Healthy Harbors, Restored Rivers".

Steve wants to invite contractors who might bid on the Harbor cleanup. The execution of the cleanup should be done correctly and responsibly, as mistakes cause many of the problems in dredging. We discussed inviting them to one of our monthly meetings, or a separate meeting.

Steve reported that he called the Oregonian reporter, Joe Rojas-Burke. Rojas-Burke wants to be on the CAG listserv, and wants to come to a CAG meeting.

Dorothy will send Robin the flyer which she and Joe drew up. It is currently our only flyer. Robin would like a new flyer developed.

The next retreat is scheduled for August 28, 2004, which is a Saturday. It will be at Peter Laughingwolf's house: (b) (6) from 9 AM to noon.

No refreshments were provided for tonight's meeting. Many drank juice from the vending machines.

Work Plan

Regina spoke, with her analysis of the accepted LWG Programmatic Work Plan:

Stages of a Superfund cleanup:

- RI Remedial Investigation
- FS Feasibility Study
- Cleanup
- Residual Risk Assessment

The Initial Study Area (ISA) is still not defined. The EPA plans to decide on its boundaries later in the cleanup. A separate Technical Memorandum will be submitted in a year, with the ISA boundaries.

Appropriate detection limits for sampling is also in a Tech. Memo., and it is finished.

About the ISA, Regina wondered what percent toxicity would be considered the end of the Superfund site. What are the criteria that would be used? The LWG are creating data gaps, by sampling before expanding the boundaries of the ISA.

Regina also felt there were inconsistencies in the Work Plan. Some reports are due before memos that are related to them.

Chip agreed with Regina, that the boundaries of the ISA won't be determined until sampling is done.

Bob Wyatt said that the LWG is studying spots up to 2 miles downstream from the ISA, and 1 mile upstream. It's in the Field Sampling Plan (FSP). When the ISA gets expanded, the PRPs will be responsible for cleaning all of the newly defined Portland Harbor Superfund Site.

Jim Anderson pointed out that there is a lot of contamination at the Ziedell site, with less contamination between it and the Harbor.

Regina will come back in November or later to talk about human health risk assessment. She'll schedule her presentation for when it works with the technical memo deadlines.

PRP Search Process

Bob Wyatt of the LWG and Chip Humphrey of the EPA reported on the PRP search. The LWG finds contamination. If the source is known, they refer it to the EPA as a PRP. PRPs in the LWG want to name more PRPs to share the cost of the cleanup.

There are 4 companies working with the LWG, but not members. They haven't signed an AOC with the EPA.

Robin and Steve brought copies of letters they'd like to send to PRPs from the CAG. Robin will guide a discussion on email.

Presentation Schedule:

August	Tribes
September	Clean Water Act 101 – DEQ, BES, NEDC, WRK
October	Elections
November	
December	

Robin Plance adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.