

BoRit Asbestos Superfund Site Community Advisory Group

Ambler / Upper Dublin / Whitpain, Pennsylvania

Date: Wednesday, January 5, 2011

Location: Upper Dublin Township Building, 801 Loch Alsh Ave. Fort Washington, Pa 19002

Time: 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Attended by: See attached

6:30 p.m. Welcome & Announcements

- *Introductions / Review guidelines for conduct at meetings*
- *Review Agenda*
- *Approve December Minutes: Approved*
- *Announcement: Trisha Taylor taking Francisco Cruz's place as onsite manager:*
taylor.trisha@epa.gov
 - o *Clean Water Action resigned from CAG*
 - o *Review Ambler Water Department sheet – submit questions by email to Sal*

6:45 p.m. Dr. Greg Bogdan, PADOH – Update of Cancer Registry Data

- Update of Cancer Registry Data, which shows total cancer rates for Ambler by zip code
 - o Cancer rates in Ambler are 12% lower than state average
- Registry is updated in 2007, showing data from 1996-2007. Registry was started in 1985, so therefore there is no data before that date.
- The Registry is required, so therefore any cancer diagnosis must be logged. Often mesothelioma can be diagnosed as lung cancer.
- Often meso. rates are higher in men
- At the end of the presentation, the CAG requested data that includes from 1985 to 2007, and to include data on lung cancer too

7:05 p.m. CAG website Presentation –Community Awareness Workgroup

- <http://www.boritcag.org>
- Website contains minutes, information, background and purpose of CAG as well as many other aspects of the CAG

7:25 p.m. Group Reports

Rules Committee

- Clean Water Action will no longer be a part of CAG. An environment organization seat will be vacant until CAG can find another seat holder
- Local Business Seat: While Sharon Vargas still has a business in Ambler, she is vacating that seat in order to serve as alternate for the American legion. VACANT
- West Ambler Civic Association: Flo Wise only came to one meeting, but the seat will be open for another representative. Vacant until new representative is designated.
- Vacant seat is one where no one has attended in 6 months and does not count when determining a quorum.

Future Plans: Will meet January 19th, 2011

RR&M: No report

Community Advisory Group: Website

- A TASC website designer has been funded by EPA to help get the BoRitCAG.org site operating. Site is live but still under construction
 - o Vet any new documents before they go on site by the workgroup and the Whole CAG
 - o Asked ALL CAG members to link their own website to the BoRitCAG.org site, especially the 3 municipalities and the Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association
 - o Asked all CAG members to send an email about the link to all constituents

Old business: None

New Business

- Nominate Gordon Chase to fill vacant business seat, seconded by Eileen Fournier

- Owner of Above Paradise Investments: a private equity company. Environmental Degree. 2 week notice of vote. Take place at February Meeting.
- Vacancies in Clean Water Action, local physician and business seats. Send nominations to rules committee two weeks before next meeting
- Boiler House: K&M buildings are gone and excavated. The property should be fenced, locked and secured. No active plans to fix it as of now. No vision on reuse of property.
- Request for bench marks: seek another presentation from EPA on bench marks to clarify on-going schedule. Offer us a range of time periods, specific dates are not necessary. Add dates later when known.
- Ranking of issues for facilitation. Facilitation can improve our ability to:
 - Lead meetings, run the meeting, organize meetings, etc.
 - Address topics to find a consensus or majority/minority for specific resolution
 - Train CAG to facilitate ourselves, then self-facilitate topics outside of EPA purview