

COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP
BoRit Asbestos Area
Ambler / Upper Dublin / Whitpain, Pennsylvania

To: BoRit Asbestos Area Community Advisory Group
From: Eileen Fournier
Date: May 2, 2009
Subject: **Summary of the Wednesday, April 1, 2009, BoRit CAG Meeting**

Next Meeting.

The next BoRit Asbestos Area CAG meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Wednesday, May 6th 2009
Time: 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Location: Upper Dublin Township Meeting Room
801 Loch Alsh Avenue
Fort Washington, PA 19034

If you have questions or comments regarding the upcoming meeting or about this summary, please contact CAG Co-Chairs Bob Adams and Fred Conner.

CAG Attendees.

All Members were present except for the agency representatives who were excused from this meeting. Also, Fred Conner was represented by his Alternate Susan Mudambi. Others to be reported.

Observers.

Observers were present for at least part of the meeting.

Workgroups/Committee Reports.

- Community Awareness (CA).
 - Website – Michael Lythcott should be in contact with Diane.
 - ARI Presentation on March 25th – Distributed 6000 flyers; 236 attended presentation; 350 signatures so far on petition to “safely remove the asbestos”; per Sharon, there seems to be a shift in the attitude of the people. “The whole community seems to be coming together” over this issue.
 - Facebook – Sharon has added a listing regarding the BoRit asbestos site under her name in Facebook.
- Future Plans (FP) – A presentation will be given for the May 2009, public meeting.
- Health, Environment, Safety, and Risk (HERS)
 - Conference call with USEPA asbestos experts – Phil Heimlich and Ted Emmett had good conversation and interaction with the experts.

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- Removal/Remediation and Monitoring (R/R&M) – no report
- Rules Committee – no report

Observer Comments.

- Observers need more opportunities to make comments.
- The public needs more presentations like ARI.
- Site owners need to give permission to ARI to review the BoRit areas.

CAG Discussion Items.

#1. Community feedback on the ARI Technologies presentation and technology as it relates to the BoRit site.

- The CAG members present discussed these subjects, concerns, and ideas.
 - CAG should question cap and cover.
 - Should CAG include “white hills” in our efforts and work on a resolution for all 68 acres?
 - Should CAG use the “white hills” cap as a flawed method. (see Discussion Item #2, also)
 - CAG needs to hear from Future Plans workgroup.
 - Review other acceptable technology.
 - There will be many concerns and unanswered questions until ARI can review BoRit site and present a formal estimate.
 - Carbon footprint
 - Quantity estimate
 - Cost estimate
 - Community concerns
- CONSENSUS – CAG in agreement that the ARI technology should be considered and evaluated by USEPA as potential technology for the BoRit site.
- The R/R&M workgroup will review other technologies (other than ARI) and report back to the CAG. See New Business #2.)

#2. How can our communities make the most positive contribution possible to the RI/FS process? How best to tell USEPA our views on RI/FS.

- The CAG members present discussed these subjects and ideas.
 - Address seven (7) criteria for RI/FS process:
 1. Short-term effectiveness
 2. Community acceptance
 3. Feasibility
 4. Implementation
 5. Cost
 6. Long-term effectiveness
 7. State acceptance

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- CAG focus should be on BoRit. (Use “white hills” as example.)
 - “White hills” cap is relevant for BoRit decisions.
 - Establish a strong, feasible argument against capping.
 - Health and safety of community.
 - Review other technologies for USEPA to consider.
 - Source of fibers undetermined – from BoRit or “white hills”?
- CONSENSUS – CAG in agreement that we should work for a safe, permanent solution for BoRit.
 - The R/R&M workgroup will review other technologies (other than ARI) and report back to the CAG. See New Business #2.

#3. Opportunities for improvement of the CAG.

- The CAG members present discussed these ideas.
 - More executive sessions to re-evaluate CAG’s focus and direction.
 - Inform public about BoRit location (suggested a press release with map of BoRit site).
 - Get another facilitator to help us stay focused.
 - Give Work Groups definitive tasks.
 - Allow all CAG members to add items to the agenda.
 - Be more proactive not reactive to what USEPA is doing on the site.
 - Improve correspondence [communication] with legislators.
 - Establish Action Items chart and review this at every meeting. (Need volunteer to maintain this.)
 - Appoint a permanent, official note taker for creation and distribution of meeting summaries.
 - Circulate written reports from Work Groups prior to meeting.

New Business.

1. Francisco Cruz asks all CAG members to participate in the Community Involvement Plan. Call him at the BoRit office to make an appointment.
2. R/R&M Work Group will review other technologies. (Asked Michelle B. to compile information on other USEPA asbestos projects statistics.)

The meeting adjourned at 9:30.