

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

To: BoRit Asbestos Area Community Advisory Group
From: Katie O'Connor
Date: July 1, 2009
Subject: **Summary of the Wednesday, June 3, 2009, BoRit CAG Meeting**

Next Meeting.

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

Date: Wednesday, August 5, 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 Eric Lindhult who was represented by Chris Duerr and Fred Robinson was represented by Sharon Vargas.

Observers.

There were approximately 8 Observers present for at least part of the meeting.

Review/Approval of May Minutes.

- The discrepancy over the actual area (in feet or acres) of the site which was resolved by the aerial mapping was not numerically documented in the May Minutes.

Announcements.

- Due to scheduling issues, Melinda Holland is not currently present with the CAG to work as a tasks consultant. The plan is for her to do the interviews first and then meet up with us as a group. She has been on every e-mail.
- Every month that any open items have not been answered should be re-introduced at each meeting.
- Several high school students presented a paper that studied all cancers in Ambler. Dr. Emmett has kindly offered to review this paper.

Update of Current Removal Actions.

- Operations and maintenance of Phase I on the Whissahickon creek is completed. The EPA is out to see that the vegetation takes. Phase II is still in development.

Update on Remedial Plans/Actions.

- For the remedial investigation, EPA is still negotiating with contractors. The plan will not be available till it is complete. The EPA would like to present the final draft to the CAG for comments.
- Francisco Cruz, from EPA, will research if geocells have been used with dirt stabilization for a bank in an asbestos site before and will provide this data if available.
- Decision was made to reinstitute weekly phone calls between the stakeholders in order to maintain efficient communication and provide updates from the project managers.
- Community members would like more formal and advance communication regarding physical changes to the site. An example of this was when trees were removed without proper notification to the community. EPA agrees that this is important and will see that this is done.
- Geocells are acceptable containment methods. The EPA analyzed the soil to confirm this.
- Francisco Cruz will attempt to create a timeline of the remedial investigation and would like to give a presentation on the RIFS process. Consensus from the group is that this would be helpful.
- The CAG would like more time for comments (for what again?). EPA states that by law it needs to be a 30 day comment period, max is 60 days. Francisco will look into getting it to 60 days since there is a need by the CAG. There is a discussion about holding more frequent meetings during this time.

Rules Committee.

- This committee has not met in the last month. There is a plan to schedule a meeting in the next 30 days.
- Joanne Walker has asked the stakeholders to e-mail, fax or bring in the form distributed during the meeting for contact and alternative information. The Rules Committee would like all committee members to update and verify this information every 6 months.

Community Awareness Committee.

- Brief phone meeting was held.
- This committee would like to do more community outreach by looking at more schools in September.

Health, Environment, Safety & Risks (HERS) Group Update.

- Barbara Allerton and Lora Werner are in the final stages of going to primary care provider offices in the area and surrounding area and distributing information on asbestos and exposure. Visiting pulmonary offices is pending at this time.
- September 23, 2009, there is a grand rounds scheduled at Mercy Hospital in which the above primary care provider offices have been invited to attend. HERS will be bringing a speaker (medical director) about updates on asbestos and screening. There is talk about a similar program at Abington Hospital.

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- HERS is now aware of grant opportunities and is currently look at three grants. The grant may target the West Ambler community who are most in need and most eligible.

Future Plans Group.

- Summary was sent out in email today.
- Recommendations for the Future Plans group should be circulated via email suggestions.
- Roman suggested that the number one priority should be keeping the neighborhood safe no matter what happens.

West Ambler Civic Association.

- The West Ambler Civic Association held a meeting which went well and had a good turnout. The Association reaffirmed their desire to create a boys and girls club or community center. No re-zoning is necessary.

Observer comments.

None.

Old/New Business.

- Old Business.
 - Items discussed in previous meetings that were not resolved should be discussed again in current meetings.
- New Business.
 - Bob Adams will send out email to determine when weekly phone calls for continued communication are best
 - Melinda will be conducting interviews in the next two months and will be joining the meeting in the fall
 - No meeting will be held in July.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.