

Meeting Minutes
Fairmont Community Liaison Panel
June 6, 2007

Attendees: Beverly Craig, Keith Craig, Nick Fantasia, Karen Gribben, Jim Martin, Don Martin, Kevin McClung (attending for Bruce McDaniel), Barbara Metcalfe, John Parks, Bob Sapp, Jim Succurro, Mark Thompson, Rich Wood, Marcella Yaremchuk.

ExxonMobil
Representative: Brian Harrison, Project Manager, Fairmont Project Site, Bob Jackmore, Global Remediation Area Manager.

Agency
Representatives: Eric Newman, Carrie Deitzel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); Pam Nixon, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP);

Contractors: John Sigler, Kipin Industries, Inc.; Doug Taylor, Excalibur Group; Wendell Barner, CDM

Guests: Janet Bailey, Mary Moore, Gail Kipin, Jason Senft, Shawn Mayle, Terry Grogg II, Terry Grogg, Jim Delauder, Tom Grogg, Tracy Caswall, Doug Close, Bill Kepes, Matthew Lake, David Mellisit, Jay Maitland, Joe Johnson, Peter Moore, Robert Jackmore, Gregory Paranu, Doanda Little, Richard Little, Don Martin, Kevin McClung, Patrick Connelly, Mike Dolan, Thomas Johnson, Jessica Legge, Cindy Rank.

Facilitator: Mary A. Green, Ann Green Communications, Inc.

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The regular meeting of the Fairmont Community Liaison Panel (FCLP) was called to order by facilitator Mary A. Green at 5:40 p.m.

She introduced several guests, including employees of two contractors working on the project. She asked that all panel members introduce themselves and state their affiliation with the project and/or the community.

Mary described the handouts at the table and said everyone should have a copy of the agenda.

Mary said it has been some time since the last meeting. As a result, she recommended the panel treat the meeting similar to a first meeting. Mary noted Griff's passing since the panel was together. She expressed her condolences and said she hoped his family is doing well. He was an important part of this process, and the panel appreciates the time that he gave to the Fairmont community.

The panel did not review the October 2005 minutes because of the gap in time.

Unfinished Business

Real Property Management Committee Update

Nick Fantasia said he hopes members are aware of the development at the site on the portion that has been presently released. As you drive by the site, you will see two excavated areas, one is the J&S property area that has been excavated for a couple of years.

The contractors who did the coal removal at the J&S site have been procured to do the coal removal for the site that did not need remediation. They are in the process of doing that right now. It seems from a recent conversation, there is more overburden than had been originally anticipated. But following the removal of the overburden and replacement of the material as well as the removal of coal and the site being brought down to the proper elevations, the representatives of the development will start their construction process. They are anticipating the end of the third quarter or the beginning of the fourth quarter time frame. Dirtwork engineering to place the footers and some surface work should begin if they get through the rest of the summer like they have so far with very little rain - dirt and coal work should commence ahead of schedule. He said that would mean the construction work could begin sooner.

Cindy Rank expressed a concern regarding a deed filed, which transferred the property of ExxonMobil to the Fairmont Coke Works. In October 2006, the trust transferred the property to Fairmont. She said the site is to be restricted to light and heavy industry according to ordinances that were adopted by the city.

Eric Newman said there are a couple of components regarding the deed. One is that where the initial development is going on top of the mountain. From a health and safety standpoint, that was never used for industrial purposes. It is clean. The EPA evaluated that and issued a letter to the developers letting them know that area had not been compromised by any previous use. From a health standpoint, the property on the mountain top is clean. From the contractual part, the deed restriction of the contract says

that it cannot be used in a manner where a party would come into contact with any type of hazardous material.

Cindy expressed her thoughts that there could be better uses that the real property committee would consider. Mary recommended Cindy share her ideas with the committee.

Eric concluded that it is important to the EPA to make sure that the perspective use would be safe for the users.

New Business

Brian Harrison re-introduced the project team because there have been changes since the meeting in October 2005. Brian is project manager at ExxonMobil and took over for Tom Aruta and Art Chin. Bob Jackmore is ExxonMobil's Superfund Remediation Manager. CDM is the main contractor. Wendell Barner is the CDM project manager. Greg Parana is the site safety officer. John Sigler heads the reprocessing of the coke materials. One issue very important to the ExxonMobil Corp is to operate with safety as a core value. A critical aspect of how the team moves forward has to do with safety. This means making sure there is no risk to workers, visitors and the community, Brian explained.

Continuous air monitor is conducted at the site in the work zone and in the exclusion zone where the workers are processing the waste material. The perimeter is also monitored to ensure that nothing is released that would impact the community. He said the team is setting standards that are much lower than any kind of risk-based status. The goal is to respond and make appropriate changes well before there is an issue. The workers continuously monitor air quality concentrations. [A copy of Brian's presentation is attached to the minutes.]

Greg Parana said the number of people working at the site has increased. Workers are on-site six days a week, 10 hours per day. There have been no injuries in 2007. He said workers strive for prevention prior to beginning any type of task. It's a safe program, which has been in place for about four years now. Workers collect perimeter monitoring around the site for the public's protection. The information is collected during work hours. There are stations in place for fugitive dust and organic compounds. There also is a tower for weather data which collects real-time wind direction and rainfall amounts. Wind socks also have been added around the site. Another section of the air monitoring is inside the work area. This is what workers use to determine what level of respiratory protection is needed. They monitor for fugitive dust, organic vapors, oxygen and hydrogen sulfide. If an issue arises in the area, employees immediately start implementing procedures to both eliminate the problem and the exposure.

Brian added that air monitoring in the work zone is the first line of defense. If a response in the work zone is needed, the appropriate steps can be taken which should prevent any exposure off-site. In addition, if air monitoring indicates an issue in the work zone, the workers also immediately check the perimeter monitoring.

Brian spoke about safety factors. If there are exposure readings, workers immediately implement protective measures. The company continuously implements safety ideas to ensure the site is operating at the highest safety level. Brian commends the work crew and Greg and all the others on site for their efforts. He said they have really worked a lot of hours and really kept focused on making sure work is done correctly and safely.

John Sigler said the landfill materials from the oxidation pond area and southernmost portion of the south landfill have been removed. Workers are in the process of taking confirmation samples to verify that those areas can be released for construction. Landfill material from the north landfill is approximately 70 percent removed. There are a couple of areas remaining. Workers have conducted confirmation sampling on those areas. John updated stats about the work. They have shipped about 250,000 tons of coal waste offsite. This has been used to process synthetic fuel material. The numbers have increased over the last six months from a range from about 4,000-6,000 tons to around 9,000-10,000 tons a month. He expects this to increase even more. The material sent off site has generated 269,000 megawatt/hours. This is enough electricity to power 25,000 homes for one year.

John said there is quite a bit of material to go. The north landfill is 70 percent complete. The south landfill is coming along.

Brian said the byproducts area was discussed a little at the last meeting in October 2005. In late 2004, ExxonMobil and the project team put together an approach for excavation and cleaning off the byproducts area, which is located in the north central portion of the old facility. During 2005, workers completed additional excavation and did some confirmation sampling. It was thought that the limited extent of the material in the byproducts area had been reached. That was not the case based on the soil sample results. Workers are moving back into the byproducts area to remove a limited amount of additional soils. The byproducts materials from the initial excavation efforts were shipped offsite for disposal. In April, workers initiated the light oil storage area investigation located in the northeastern portion of the facility to secure some data.

Brian said extensive confirmation sampling has been done in portions of the south landfill, the oxidation pond area, and the north landfill. Brian said efforts will continue to focus excavation of the south landfill and western portion of the north landfill area. That is the area where there is still a fair amount of coke-laced materials.

Wendell Barner said they have kicked into high gear with a lot of environmental sampling activities at the site. Starting in March, they began groundwater sampling, in April, light oil storage area and they just started back in the byproducts area.

Wendell reviewed photos of the landfill as he updated the panel regarding the work. Work includes confirmation sampling and excavation. This is being done to get this cleared out for the development of the water park. This will be ongoing throughout the foreseeable months, as they work through the landfill area. The proposed development will include a major access road to the park. It will come across the light oil storage area. The team has been testing the selected soil, sending it off to the laboratory for analysis and looking at the groundwater. In the next month or so, they will be looking at cleanup alternatives in this area.

Brian said changes in the project have impacted the timetable. Estimates were somewhere in the neighborhood of 120,000 and it is now 300,000. He said they have found some areas where coal tars and coke wastes extend a lot deeper than previously believed. With the new total volume of 300,000 cubic yards the completion of the efforts is on target for the end of 2008.

Brian said the new project timeline should not impact development. Brian said the team is starting the confirmation sampling process. This includes starting to go through and block out areas that meet the target objectives. Once confirmations are received those areas can be moved out of and development can occur. Brian noted that the project team and developers are meeting monthly to keep these things moving through the process.

Eric added that the initial development is happening upon the hilltop that was clean. The focus is on access routes, what they need to get roads to allow access and run utilities. This is where the monthly meetings come in - keeping everyone clear on what specific portions of the property need to be freed up on and the timing of the need for these areas.

Bob Jackmore said the whole remediation team is sensitive to the timing of the redevelopment. Down the line, if the team sees a need to make adjustments in how it is getting rid of material, the team will do that because it recognizes the need to have it completed in a certain time perimeter.

Karen Gibben said the panel is just excited to see it cleaned up and redevelopment happening. Everybody is working together.

Eric said though they have found extra material, ExxonMobil has never tried to change the deal.

Bob Jackmore stated that as sort of a senior spokesman for ExxonMobil, the company is committed to doing what it said it was going to do. He said the company has

the wherewithal to do to have the right quality professional contractors on the job. He said they are going to do it safely and that is the number one thing.

Don Martin added it is a coordinated effort. He complimented ExxonMobil because they have brought forth additional resources.

Robert Sapp said he was very pleasantly surprised. The company has done a good job; it's a good relationship.

In response to a question, Brian said waste went to American Landfill. It was dirt.

As far as the sludge at the waste treatment facility, it gets pulled out of the water treatment process tanks on a regular basis. It is sampled and if it meets offsite disposal requirements, it is shipped offsite. It is a continual process; it doesn't sit there. The average period of time it dewateres is about two to three weeks, roughly, and then it is slated for shipping offsite to a proper disposal facility for sludge.

Communication Update

Mary reminded the panel of the community information line. She said she has received no calls regarding the project.

She reviewed the most recent fact sheet. It is a general overview of the project happening at this point. It will be printed and mailed by Presort. It is going to a little less than 1,000 people. The minutes from the meetings are maintained at the Fairmont Public Library. Mary said if something comes up between meetings, she will communicate with the group. She also encouraged folks to contact her with questions or concerns.

In response to a suggestion by Marcella Yaremchuk, a bus trip to view the site will be coordinated for the next meeting.

Bob Sapp mentioned his praise of ExxonMobil, EPA and DEP. He said they have done an exceptional job, and the panel has asked lots of good questions.

Mary thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She said the plan is to get back on track and have a meeting late summer or early fall. This will involve a tour when the leaves are not out.

Next Meeting and Agenda

The next meeting of the FCLP will be held in late summer or early fall. Details will be sent in a reminder card.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: TBD