

Meeting Notes for the Colorado Smelter Site CAG

April 8, 2014

Note: These notes were prepared by EPA. If you have any corrections or questions, please contact Kristi Parker Celico, facilitator for the CAG at kcelico@gmail.com or 970-368-0999. Kristi will be responsible for preparing future notes for the CAG and for making any corrections to the April 8 notes.

Ground rules used:

- We will listen respectfully and consider matters from another's' perspective.
- We will allow the facilitator to guide the meeting.
- We will stay focused on the topic at hand.
- We will state our name when speaking (for the notes).
- We will speak for ourselves when talking to the press.

Introductions:

Chris Wardell, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator, opened the meeting and introduced the following:

Kristi Parker Celico, facilitator under consideration.

Robin Coursen, meeting facilitator for the evening.

Pam Kocman, Co-Chair for leading the CAG Steering Committee

Kiera Hatton Sena, Co-Chair for leading the CAG Steering Committee

Jeannine Natterman, State Community Involvement Coordinator

Chris re-stated from the last meeting; what is a CAG?

- A forum of interested community members wanting to learn and express opinions and concerns on site documents and decisions.
- Does not make decisions on cleanup remedies
- Is inclusive to all members of the community

**When a CAG speaks with one voice, it can better guide clean-up decisions.

Robin ran through the agenda for the evening and emphasized adherence to times allotted for speaking.

Robin went around the room and all introduced themselves and stated one concern or interest. Approximately 25 people attended the meeting with participants representing a mix of community members from the neighborhood, representatives from environmental and community groups, city, county, state, and federal government officials. A list of participants is on file with EPA.

Kiera introduced Kristi Parker Celico. Kristi is a potential facilitator for the group and would be paid for by an EPA contract. Kristi answered questions that Kiera and the group posed regarding her experience and thoughts for this process.

Hickenlooper Letter, Letters of Support sent to Governor, Eiler Heights Neighborhood Expectation Sheet and Area of Interest Sheet:

Pam A copy of the Hickenlooper letter is attached and Pam discussed the expectations contained in that letter. She noted that she perceives this list as a starting point and welcomes additional ideas from others.

Joe K. went through the list of expectations from the Eilers Neighborhood briefly. He explained that this is first and foremost a health issue. He noted the importance of getting the word out to others and emphasized the need for a quick clean up. He stressed that this group could help ensure adequate and timely funding for the clean- up. Finally, he stressed that the neighborhood is concerned about liabilities and want assurances that they will not be held liable.

Facilitation:

Robin and **Kristi** facilitated an exercise to have all participants add to the original list of interests and concerns. Desires for what the CAG wants to achieve were added to this list. The group was given three dots each and asked to indicate their person priorities regarding the site. The facilitators noted that this is just rough process to indicate issues of greater concern to the overall group. The results are reported below:

Fast Cleanup—5 years or less	11 votes
Public Health	8 votes
Good clean up house/yard	5 votes
On-going testing of Children	5 votes
Whole home cleanup	
Water and Sewer	5 votes
Health of the Neighborhood	3 votes

Solid testing 3 votes

Jobs 2 votes

Children safety 2 votes

Education of families, schools,

Neighborhood 2 votes

Healthy Community 2 votes

Fast Delisting 2 votes

Slag pile removal

Experience in Leadville? 2 votes

FHA/HUD financing 1 vote

Cleanup levels 1 vote

Collaboration with EPA 1 vote

EPA funding timely/enough 1 vote

Moving forward together 1 vote

Transparency 1 vote

Boundary of the site-creep 1 vote

Vegetables safe 1 vote

Receive EPA pre-decisional 1 vote

Long term viability of Neighbor

Hood

Remove tarnish to Neighborhood

Health of animals

Not liabilities to homeowners

Timely release of information

Rail relocation or impact

Robin explained the EPA process for hiring a facilitator including interview of two more individuals. The group voted unanimously to look no further and to hire Kristi.

Chris. The meeting ended with the next meeting scheduled for May 1 at 6:30-8:30 in the library. Chris will work with the group to advertise and to book the library.

The meeting ended at 8:00 pm.

Attachment: Agenda for the meeting.

**AGENDA - CITIZEN ADVISORY GROUP MEETING
COLORADO SMELTER SUPERFUND SITE
April 8, 2014
6:30 p.m. – Ryals Room – 4th Floor – Rawlings Library**

Introductions – Robin Coursen -5 Minutes

- Introductions
- Review of Agenda
- Introduction of Kristi Celico, possible Facilitator – Robin Coursen
- Kristi Celico will speak for a few minutes
- Facilitator Questions and Discussion - Kiera Hatton Sena – 20 Minutes

**Review of the Letter Governor Hickenlooper Sent to the EPA Expressing
“Conditional Support” for the Listing – Pam Kocman – 5 Minutes**

- Governor Hickenlooper stresses the importance of the EPA addressing the **Concerns and Expectations** raised by the Eiler Heights and Bessemer Communities, Pueblo City Council and Pueblo County Commissioners.

**Blueprint for Superfund Clean-Up - Review of the “Letters of Support” Sent to
Governor Hickenlooper from: Pam Kocman – 5 Minutes**

- The Eiler Heights Neighborhood Association and the Bessemer Community
- Sandy Daff, Pueblo City Councilwoman then, Pueblo City Council President now

- Pueblo City Council and Pueblo County Commissioners

Review of the Eiler Heights Neighborhood “Expectations Sheet” and “Areas of Interest Sheet” – Joe Kocman – 10 Minutes

- The possibility of being overwhelmed with Superfund Information is a major concern. Managing information and time through the designation of “Areas of Interest” is an efficient method to handle the large amount of information that will be coming our way. Essentially, each of us will become experts in the area that is of most interest of us.
- Concentrating on a small area of interest will enable us to better handle the whole picture.

Facilitated Exercise on Interests and Expectations – Robin Coursen – ½ Hour

- Agreement of “Expectations Sheet” and “Areas of Interest Sheet”
- What do we want to achieve
- Pass out “CAG - Areas of Interest Sign-Up Sheets.”

Next Steps in Facilitation and CAG Formation

- Vision, Mission, Goals, Objectives, etc. How we will work together – Next meeting with Facilitator

CAG Related Questions, Comments, Thoughts – Robin Coursen - 15 Minutes

CAG Vote on Whether to Hire Kristi Celico or Interview Additional Candidates

Set Future Meeting Dates, Times and Location

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