

**U of L Center for Predictive Medicine
Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee
Room 136B Founders Union Building
March 6, 2007**

Attendance

Cheri Hildreth, director of U of L's Department of Environmental Health and Safety, opened the meeting at 6 p.m. The following people were in attendance:

Jay Comstock, Bellemeade neighborhood
Jerry Klopfenstein, Old Dorsey neighborhood
Judi Sikes, Bellemeade neighborhood
Ed Wessell, Bellemeade neighborhood
Dennis Sullivan, U of L emergency management
Denise Fitzpatrick, U of L communications and marketing

Groundbreaking

Ms. Fitzpatrick announced that construction on the biosafety lab is still scheduled to begin sometime before the end of April. She added that another public forum is scheduled Thursday, March 15, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Room 218A of the Founders Union Building, while a groundbreaking celebration for the biosafety lab is set for Monday, April 9, at 1 p.m. in the same room. The celebration will feature food and will be open to the entire community.

Ms. Fitzpatrick asked committee members for ideas on what to feature at the upcoming celebration. Mr. Comstock suggested involving researcher Eugenia Wang as much as possible. Ms. Sikes suggested the university approach a local elementary school and try to get young students involved in the groundbreaking ceremony.

Ms. Fitzpatrick also mentioned that the university would run two shuttles from the Founders Union Building to the biosafety lab construction site to allow everyone at the groundbreaking ceremony to see the lab site for themselves.

One of the committee members said that a resident of Oxford Woods, Tom Meadows, would like to be kept informed about the biosafety lab project.

Finding of No Significant Impact ruling

Ms. Hildreth reported that the National Institutes of Health has issued a "Finding of No Significant Impact" ruling for the biosafety lab. The letter and related documentation will be placed on file at Louisville Free Public Library.

Emergency warning system

Mr. Wessel asked if there was a plan to test Dialogic, the city's new reverse-911 emergency warning system. Mr. Sullivan said such a test was planned soon, possibly even sometime in the next week.

Next meeting

The group agreed to have its next meeting in the fall. Ms. Hildreth adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.