

**WEST JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMUNITY TASK FORCE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**December 17, 2002**

The NIA Center  
 Second Floor Conference Room  
 2900 W. Broadway  
 Louisville, Kentucky 40211

Arnita Gadson, Presiding

**ATTENDEES**

Bobby Hickey, Portland/Bd member  
 David Tollerud, UofL  
 Jonathan Miller, DuPont-Dow/Bd member  
 Fred Nett, Louisville Dev. Auth.  
 Dan Hicks, Rohm and Haas  
 Leslie Barras, River Fields/Bd member  
 Rosanne Kruzich, Greater Louisville Project  
 Isaac Shoulders, Russell  
 Russell Barnett, UofL  
 Peggy J. Bolton, Shawnee/Bd member  
 Laura Hackett, Russell  
 Robert Hackett, Russell  
 Norman Robinson, MSD/Bd member  
 Berry W. Lee, Hallmark  
 Art Williams, JCAPCD  
 Pat Germany, California

I. Beyond Merger – Rosanne Kruzich

“Beyond Merger” is a Brookings Institute publication. It offers an integrated framework for thinking through what kind of city Louisvillians really want to have as their hometown. A diverse group of community representatives met to help community leaders develop a vision for the new merged government. Issues must be reviewed as an “inter” relationship rather than “singular”-relationship . Highlights included a growing economy, strong neighborhoods, exorbitant land use, 5% population growth vs. 60% land growth and a growing racial and class disparity.

Priority Issues:

1. Basics – educational attainment
2. Build on Assets (Neighborhoods) – enhance neighborhoods’ safety and support distressed and transitional communities
3. Metro-growth – Drive growth towards downtown development

4. Working Families – Initiatives that support working families or families in transition. We have a tendency to start programs i.e, for tax credits initiatives but the task or project is never completed.

We need a new government rather than a version of the old government to manage the community needs and concerns. Neighborhood forums are being held throughout the community for the purpose of listening to different perspectives.

Questions and Discussion: How will you determine if the new gov't has succeeded?

Peggy: There should be a comparison report done

Isaac: The attitude towards merger, is it the same?

Bobby: How much streamlining is being done? What is the new vision

Art: There should be a report card. A matrix should be established by which the report card will be completed prior to claiming success, rather than just saying the project is complete

Another report was done in 1969 that made projections through the nineties regarding race, land use and the environment. Maybe this report could be reviewed prior to a matrix development for the present report.

This project was funded by local foundations some of which include: Gheens, Brown Foundation, Anne E. Casey, Humana, and others.

Further information can be requested from Rosanne Kruzich at: [rkruzich@bellsouth.net](mailto:rkruzich@bellsouth.net)

## II. Lou. Dev. Auth – Fred Nett – Brownsfield Grant

The Louisville Development Authority applied for an EPA Brownsfield Grant. The monies are to be used for Direct clean up for sites such as Brinley-Hardy, Rhodia Chemicals, Phillip Morris, Exmet, Trolley Barn, etc., Assessments for Marathon, Marine Hospital in Portland, and Revolving Loans. Money can be granted either in whole or in part.

Pat asked if the Federal Regulations have changed. Industry is a for-profit entity. Businesses are not supposed to profit from Brownsfield money. They are the polluters.

Leslie expressed concern over the LG&E site and their getting grant money for removal.

The city will know in January, 2003 if they are eligible for participation

Any questions or concerns regarding the Brownsfield Grant can be referred to Fred Nett at (502) 574-1448

## III. Risk Management Update – Art Williams

Due to death and illness, December meetings were cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled in January. We are now on the fourth revision, which is a combination of revisions. Dave Pigion did the first draft, Russ Barnett, the second revision, and Kent Lindsay, the third revision. The fourth revision will be a combination of all prior changes.

#### IV. New Health Study Grant – Russ Barnett

NIEHS EJ grant opportunity. Partners would include Univ. of Lou, Task Force and the County Health Dept.

The study would involve environmental health impacts of children (birth to 2years)\_

Impact on:

1. learning abilities – early childhood development
2. early childhood development ( 6mos, 1 year, 18 months) for intervention. By age 5 all necessary intervention to achieve normal growth would have been completed.
3. Asthma – working with the “Healthy Start Program”.
4. Lead and tobacco smoke exposure
5. News letter publication on progress/ Healthy Start already has this
6. Pooling together participants for their input
7. Researchers increasing their awareness of the all aspects of the community where the participants live.

The Three Neighborhood Health institutions that would be involved are Bridges of Hope, Portland and Park DuValle because of the Health Start involvement already in existence.

Money will be divided for the partner participation The Task Force would be the conduit between the research team and the community. Blood samples would be taken from the mothers.

The Task Force would be a part of the Steering Committee, which also include representatives from the community, the Research Team and the Health Centers. Industry would be on the advisory board if that would be the choice of the Steering Committee.

A question regarding personal air monitors was asked. It is cost prohibitive and there was criticism on the Quality Control on doing monitors in the past.

Concern: Is there a prevention part for Lead and tobacco. Intervention – if learning abilities have been impaired, Kosair could help overcome any learning impairment. New monies may be available to follow the children past age 2.

Dr. David Tollerud, MD, MPH, Assoc. Director of the Institute for Public Health Research, introduced himself. He is from Philadelphia with six years experience in the Health Dept in Philadelphia and has been involved in community projects. His wife Suzanne is involved in the Sickle Cell Study at the University. She started a Ky. Sickle Cell Foundation. She will be asked to speak at the next Task Force meeting in January.

Dan expressed concern that 40216 was left out of the project. Once the grant is received, changes can be made.

#### V. Comments from the Community

None

#### VI. Comments from the Board

Jonathan reported, The Final Report on the FTIR Laser Testing with DuPont has been received. The Federal Register from the National Toxicology Program has reported that Wood Dust is a known human carcinogen (lung). Wool Type makes a difference. More information is available in the information center.

Articles presented by Bobby:

- State issues emergency rules for noncoal-mining operations
- EPA issues new guidelines for handling animal manure
- Retreating on clean Air
- Rail yard stores toxic chemicals next to school
- Companies offered clean-air amnesty
- Dumping in Dixie

### **CORRECTIONS TO NOVEMBER MINUTES**

#### IV. E.I. DuPont – effects of the DuPont Dow Closing – Cheryl Fisher,

E.I DuPont shared services will be affected by the closedown. DuPont's emissions will not increase as a result of the DuPont Dow shutdown. There are no current plans to expand. The Freon production will continue.

Leslie – DDE has said that the plant will be dismantled. Does EID have any plans to expand into this area?

Cheryl – No plans to expand into the closed area.

Leslie – Will DDE retire the air emissions credits

Jonathan – Have not dealt with that issue. Many questions under discussion overall: “What do we have to do to prepare for the day when the process closes down?” “What do we do to make it go away?”. The Total volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions, 300 tons yearly equal less than 1% of the total Jefferson county emissions. They are worth about \$5,000/ton if DDE wants to sell. Credits would be in the amount of emissions averaged over a two-year period. There could also be Nox credits. Not clear about APCD's application of the rule given his experience with banking permit application a few years back to for emission reductions from some boilers for which DuPont switched fuel (coal to natural gas).

Leslie – does community want to consider having air emission credits donated to a nonprofit to give out to businesses that might want to locate in the west end that are not so polluting but will have some emissions? Tie into the Champions of Louisville initiative?

Pat – The emissions need to be retired.