

**WEST COUNTY COMMUNITY TASK FORCE
MEETING MINUTES
January 20, 1998**

Place: Chestnut Street YMCA, 6th Floor
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Coordinator: Arnita Gadson

Commissioner Daryl Owens spoke briefly to the Task Force, expressing his support for the West County Task Force's efforts, then opened up the floor for questions.

- **Question:** If air monitoring can be done in Ashland and Calvert City, why can't it be done for West Louisville, which is more densely populated than the other areas?
Answer: Probably more the result of timing. The other areas organized and got their requests in a long time ago.
Suggestion: West County Task Force needs to set its long-range goals, work to get the Jefferson County delegation's support, and request funding for a similar program in the future.

Commissioner Owens feels if the Task Force gets the smaller, less expensive air monitoring equipment, it would be more difficult to get funding for more sophisticated devices like those used in Ashland and Calvert City. On the other hand, the smaller monitoring equipment would allow for earlier identification of particulate matter since it could be purchased with less funds. Either way, the decision is up to the WCTF.

Commissioner Owens left the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

ITEM: Application for the Board of Aldermen

ACTION: Arnita will have the applications and instructions at the February meeting. No deadline on when to submit application.

ITEM: Letters of support

ACTION: Sen. Neal has expressed his full support for the West County Task Force and asked Arnita to supply him with as much information about the WCTF and its air monitoring plans. She will deliver them to his Frankfort office on Thursday, January 29, 1998. The City of Louisville has written of letter of support, and the Jefferson County Air Pollution Control District Board is being asked to write a letter. This is currently in the process of being OK'd by APCD officials.

ITEM: How do we feel about Comm. Owens' visit and where do we go from here?

ACTION: The Task Force decided they still want air monitoring to happen, and will seek to get the same kind of equipment that is used in Ashland and Calvert City.

- Per the Action Plan, the WCTF will start looking at the toxins in Chickasaw Lake and the soil surrounding it.

- Russ Barnett is asking the University of Louisville for \$100,000 to purchase some monitoring equipment.
- Toxicology studies could be done by the University since they have the lab facilities.

ITEM: Children's grant update from Russ Barnett.

ACTION: The grant proposal was submitted to the National Institute of Health today. This will fund two projects: 1) Studying the health effects of particulate matter in children from fossil fuel sources. These are carcinogens and highly reactive. Will collect data from pregnant women and children 0-3 years old. This will be done in conjunction with the Healthy Start program. Estimate 1,200 moms will participate. 2) Health effects of children that who live in West Louisville as compared to children bused into the West County schools. This study was requested by the West County Task Force.

Even if the grant proposal is not approved, they will explain why they didn't select it and those suggestions can be used to improve chances for other grant proposals later this year. Children's health is a high priority with the federal government this year.

ITEM: Chickasaw Lake and dioxin testing

ACTION: Need to test for dioxin levels in fish. Also need to check the soil surrounding the lake.

ITEM: Industry representatives not receiving minutes or meeting notices on a timely basis.

ACTION: If those who have e-mail accounts will e-mail Pat Longfellow at palong01@homer.louisville.edu, then meeting notices can be sent via e-mail, with hard copy to follow.

ITEM: Nomination for awards grant

ACTION: Copies of the nominees applications will be distributed to WCTF members. Arnita asks that everyone fill out and send in their forms.

ITEM: TKR Cable advertising

ACTION: Have received application to advertise on cable. Task Force approved.

ITEM: Score card (SARA)

ACTION: Asking about lists industries sent in to make an accurate score card (TRI).

Arnita reminds everyone the computer is available for Net searches at the Center.

ACTION: One-on-one work appointments are available. Call Arnita at 852-4609.