

**WEST COUNTY COMMUNITY TASK FORCE
MEETING MINUTES
July 21, 1998**

Meeting was held at the Louisville Urban League, 1535 West Broadway. Meeting began at 7:10 p.m. Arnita Gadson facilitated the meeting.

I. ITEM: Community Forums

ACTION: Four community forums sponsored by the West County Community Task Force will be presented every two weeks beginning July 30 and September 10, 1998. All forums will be held on Thursday nights beginning at 7:00 p.m. A representative of EPA Region 4 will attend each forum to gauge community interest and support of WCCTF activities.

Each forum will feature representatives from:

- Metropolitan Sewer District
- Jefferson County Health Department
- Jefferson County Air Pollution Control District
- Kentucky Pollution Prevention Center
- City of Louisville

to update attendees on what progress has been made in their respective areas of the WCCTF Action Agenda.

The first forum will be held in the small auditorium of Shawnee High School; other sites have yet to be confirmed. Arnita has sent letters to all churches in the Chickasaw, Portland, and Shawnee neighborhoods. She has also notified all area radio and television stations. Publicity flyers will be distributed to businesses in each area.

West County Community Task Force members from each neighborhood will lead the forums. The July 30 forum will feature Peggy Bolton (Shawnee), Bobby Hickey (Portland), and Evelyn Glass (Chickasaw). ***The next forum, August 20, will highlight the neighborhoods of California, Parkland, and Russell.*** (This is a change from the previously announced date of August 13.)

The Task Force voted to have a survey available to forum attendees to see what other concerns residents may have. This survey will also give residents a chance to voice their opinion on how well the WCCTF has done in helping the environmental quality in their neighborhood.

II. ITEM: P2 Award Grant Program

ACTION: The Task Force was asked to vote awarding the \$5,000 P2 Award Grant. Two groups, Whayne Supply Company and Kentuckians for the Commonwealth were eligible for an award. The staff, comprised of Arnita, Cam Metcalf (Executive Director of the Kentucky Pollution Prevention Center), and Russ Barnett (Director of the Kentucky Institute for the Environment and

Sustainable Development) submitted their recommendations for how the award should be divided, along with a synopsis of the grant applications.

Some members of the Task Force questioned the staff recommendations and voiced displeasure at receiving summaries instead of the complete grant applications. Others said they were glad to receive summaries, and also noted the staff recommendations were not binding, but served only as a starting point.

The staff recommended that the bulk of the award, \$4,000, be awarded to Whayne Supply because of costs they incurred in implementing a cleaning system that would divert hydrocarbons into the sewer system. (See attached “P2 Award Program” sheet for summaries.) The other \$1,000 would recognize the efforts of a citizens group for taking the initiative in prohibiting further hazardous pollution in their neighborhood.

Voting for the award allocations went as follows (votes listed in order as they occurred):

- \$3,000 to Whayne Supply / \$2,000 to Kentuckians for the Commonwealth (initial Task Force recommendation) was defeated
- \$4,000 to Whayne Supply / \$1,000 to KFTC (staff recommendation) was defeated, NO: 7 – YES: 5
- \$5,000 to Whayne Supply / \$0 to KFTC (Jonathan Miller’s recommendation), was defeated, NO: 5 – YES: 2
- \$3,500 to Whayne Supply / \$1,500 to KFTC approved, YES: 9 – NO: 2 (LaLetta Jenkins’ recommendation)

III. ITEM: P2 Challenge Grant Program Award

ACTION: Task Force members were given summaries of the three companies eligible for the P2 Challenge Grant Program Award. Staff recommendations were included for these as well (see attachment). After some discussion, the Task Force voted to follow the staff recommendation and award \$7,475 to Parallel Products. Some members asked if more money could be given. Russ Barnett explained the funds are a one-to-one match by the company, so no higher amount could be awarded.

The Task Force requested more information on the other two companies regarding their proposed projects and their track records for environmental compliance. Company representatives for BF Goodrich and BSI Technical Coatings will be asked to make a presentation to the Task Force during the August meeting. Arnita will contact the companies and ask them for a presentation. Information concerning each company will be researched on the Internet and mailed to Task Force members with these minutes.

IV. ITEM: Review of Budget

ACTION: Because of time constraints, members were asked to review the budget on their own.

V. ITEM: Memorandum of Understanding Review

ACTION:

- Revisions to the Memorandum of Understanding were outlined in the minutes of the June 16, 1998 WCCTF meeting. Members were urged to read over the Memorandum of Understanding revisions at home.
- Russ Barnett reported that he had hired a technician for the air monitoring analysis. He also announced there would be a meeting August 11, 1998 about the Memorandum of Understanding. Representatives from the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the University of Louisville, EPA Region 4, Jefferson County and the West County Community Task Force will be present. Any WCCTF members wanting to attend this meeting can call Russ for meeting information at 852-1851. The University of Louisville has come up with \$38,000 in hard money to go toward this project.

VI. ITEM: Miscellaneous

- An environmental educator's conference will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, over the Labor Day weekend. One hundred scholarships are available nationally. Contact Russ for more information (852-1851).
- Arnita announced the WCCTF meetings would be held at the Louisville Urban League until further notice.
- Russ made a short presentation on a grant proposal to the National Institutes for Health. This grant would offer \$200,000 a year. The NIH is looking to link with groups like the WCCTF with health researchers. This would help citizens interpret the air monitoring data findings.