

**WEST COUNTY COMMUNITY TASK FORCE
MEETING MINUTES
March 17, 1998**

Place: Louisville City Hall, Mayor's Large Conference Room

Time: Meeting began at 7:10 p.m.

Arnita Gadson coordinated the meeting.

In order to allow more time for the US EPA Region 4 presentation and an adequate question-and-answer period afterwards, Agenda Item I was moved to the last item.

ITEM: Grant Update

ACTION: Art Williams of the Jefferson County Air Pollution Control District reported that there had been three good work sessions on the Impact Grant. Application deadline is May 15. They are working on a detailed plan and budget. Two main areas they're looking at are water quality and air (ozone and air toxics).

The three main areas of interest in water quality are:

1. Using telemetry to get data information on water quality
2. Recruiting civic volunteers to help
3. Getting the data information out in a timely manner

For air quality, the main interests are:

1. Focus on getting mapping information out to the public
2. Data evaluation of air toxics
3. Timely delivery of information to the stakeholders

Art also said the siting analysis, which will take several months, will decide where the monitors will go.

Rosetta Fackler reported the \$20,000 grant proposal had been submitted. This grant would fund testing for toxin levels in fish in Chickasaw Park Lake as well as the testing of fish in other Metro Parks ponds. Also, citizen mapping of illegal dump sites and known hazardous landfill waste sites.

ITEM: Board of Aldermen Application

ACTION: Arnita reported this is currently in a holding pattern until it can be determined that the Task Force is a 501C organization. Russ Barnett reported the WCTF could use the University of Louisville's 501C status. Bob Bottom said the WCTF could set itself up as a community group to obtain 501C status.

ITEM: Miscellaneous items

ACTION:

- Arnita reported the Environmental Information Center now has the latest data on the Chickasaw Lake fish.

- Art Williams reported the new Vehicle Emissions Test (VET) would require the driver to step out of the car while the vehicle would be tested running at 35 mph. The cost will remain the same.
- Bonnie Biemer reported the City of Louisville has now has a \$200,000 grant for brownfields site assessments. The City also has a \$350,000 revolving loan fund that is almost ready to go. This will be administered through the Louisville Community Development Bank to be used for site remediation in the Bank's service area.
- The Kentucky Institute for the Environment and Sustainable Development will sponsor a radio program on WUOL beginning April 9. It will air twice a week and focus on environmental issues, especially in Louisville and Kentucky.
- Dr. Tamburro announced that some summer fellowships are available for work in Environmental Health Services. Contact him at 852-5251.
- Arnita announced that several requests for the Challenge Grant Program and the Award Grant Program have been received since an article on the grants appeared in the *Courier-Journal*.

ITEM: EPA Region 4 Presentation on Community-Based Environmental Protection

ACTION: Several representatives of EPA Region 4 in Atlanta gave a slide presentation on the EPA's Community-Based Environmental Protection (CBEP) and how it could benefit the West County Task Force efforts.

In a CBEP, the EPA helps an existing community environmental protection effort by loaning out the agency's testing equipment, providing lab analysis, and air monitoring experts to help the WCTF carry out their tasks. This help does not replace current grant operations. The West County Task Force would still be expected to pursue additional grant funding for its work.

The WCTF was selected by the EPA because of its demonstrated involvement in the community. The EPA also pointed out that Rubbertown industry contains two of Kentucky's top 10 air toxics sources. In addition, the area has

- about 240 hazardous waste generators
- 55 air sources (24 major and 31 minor)
- 12 facilities subject to RCRA corrective action.

The EPA is concerned about indoor air quality, air toxics, and Toxic Release Inventory emissions and ozone. The agency says more information is needed on:

- Lead levels in soil, houses, and blood
- Impact of solid waste landfills
- Soil contamination
- Sediment along Ohio River and creeks
- Recreational use of the Ohio River

- Contaminated groundwater
- Radon levels in the homes

EPA's proposed time line would include:

- Siting study 6 months
- Sample collection and data analysis 12 months
- Data evaluation and final report 6-9 months

Representatives from the agency said they would not be able to determine that a particular industry's emissions caused a person's cancer because there are too many variables to make that conclusion. They can, however, determine that a particular emission could cause certain cancers or other diseases.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Longfellow