

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

Location: Louisville Urban League, 1535 West Broadway
Time: Meeting began at 7:00 p.m., Arnita Gadson facilitator

ITEM: Review of October Minutes

ACTION: Minutes were reviewed and approved.

ITEM: West County Environmental Information Center

ACTION: Arnita welcomed people to borrow books and tapes from the Center's library, and asked those who were holding items on loan for more than three weeks to return them. She also asked for volunteers to staff the Center for those times she had to be out. To date, one person has volunteered.

ITEM: WCCTF Partnerships with Rubbertown Industries

ACTION: Arnita talked about the McDonald's Restaurants partnership with the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF). By working and focusing with one high-profile company, EDF was able to gain a lot of publicity and get other companies to sign on with pollution prevention implementation.

ITEM: Plant Presentations

ACTION: Tom Herman of Zeon said his company is willing to do a 10-30 minute presentation before the Task Force. Arnita suggested they plan on coming to the January meeting.

ITEM: Report on EPA Grant Writing Workshop

ACTION: Pat Germany attended a grant writing workshop in Atlanta sponsored by EPA Region 4. EPA explained what makes the grant proposals valid. Attendees from all over showcased their programs, learning centers, etc. A professor of Pat's asked if the West County Task Force would be interested in participating next year.

ITEM: KIESD Environmental Leadership Training

ACTION: LaLetta Jenkins gave a report on the eight-week Environmental Leadership training. Among the activities were tours of the following:

- West County, including Portland and Russell area brownfields that are contaminated
- Rohm and Haas, listened to company speakers
- LG&E, learned about alternative fuel vehicles
- Morris Foreman sewage treatment plant
- MSD office building and their energy saving actions

Institute participants learned that Jefferson County Public Schools is developing a middle school curriculum for year-round teaching, not confining it to Earth Day (April 22). The consensus is more education is needed for citizens as well as students, and the Leadership Institute did a good job of making participants aware of problems in Jefferson County and measures being taken to solve them.

ITEM: EPA Meeting with West County Community Task Force

ACTION: As of this meeting date, EPA is scheduled to meet with Task Force, University of Louisville, and Jefferson County Air Pollution Control District representatives on Monday, November 30, 1998 at 10:30 a.m. at the APCD offices.

ITEM: Small group work and results

ACTION: Attendees were paired off to work on different areas of the Action Agenda. Action Agenda items were further revised to those deemed most important and achievable. A Revised Action Agenda (November 30, 1998) is available.