

WEST JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMUNITY TASK FORCE
MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 16, 2001

The NIA Center
2900 West Broadway
Third Floor Conference Room

ATTENDEES/MEMBERS

Pat Germany, California
Mary Lyle, CID UAW-Ford
Leslie Patterson, CID UAW-Ford
Jonathan Miller, DuPont-Dow Elastomers
Wade Helm, Ky. Conservation Committee
Peggy J. Bolton, Shawnee
Clarence Dykstra, DuPont-Dow Elastomers
Carl Hilton, DuPont
Jodie Coxe, Algonguin Gardens
Evelyn Glass, Chickasaw
Don Hill, EcoQuest Int'l
Tom Herman, Zeon Chemicals

Native Vegetation project – Carl Hilton, DuPont

The goal of the landscaping project is to:

- a. improve the greenery at Rubbertown facilities
- b. create a buffer to the adjacent communities

The use of native plants for landscaping will be done in three phases

1. Phase 1 - Camp Ground Road, from the intersection of Ralph Avenue to Kramers Avenue.
The Pilot site would be DuPont –between Camp Ground Road and the Plant entrance. Target date - early April through August 2002. Cost - between \$40,000 and \$70,000.
2. Phase 2 – Camp Ground Road east, to Cane Run Road
3. Phase 3 – Bells Lane

The Project team members:

University of Louisville – Russ Barnett
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service – Kurt Mason
Air Pollution Control District of Jefferson County – Phyllis Fitzgerald
Metropolitan Sewer District – Phyllis Croce
University of Kentucky – Dr. Tom Barnes and Donna Michael

Landscaping project

The project will help reduce mowing and trimming. The native trees will help absorb pollutants, provide beauty and create a pleasing visual buffer.

Native plants will be used because these species occur naturally in the region. The major advantages of using native plants are:

- Better adapted to local conditions (soil & weather)
- Lower maintenance cost
- More resistant to pests
- Provide food/shelter for native wildlife

Trees emit pollutants that contribute to the formation of ozone. Trees absorb carbon dioxide, retain the carbon (which makes up half the weight of a tree), and release oxygen. Some of the trees with high emission rates are:

- Oak
- Sycamore
- Black locust
- Sweet and Black gum and
- Willow

Trees with low emission rates are:

- Linden
- Cherry
- Honey locust
- Shellbark hickory
- Hackberry
- Beech blue ash
- Kentucky coffee tree and
- Swamp white Oak

Signs will be posted on the property with telephone numbers to call if anyone has questions. Articles will appear in the Courier-Journal Newspaper. The project will serve as a training aid for professional landscapers in Jefferson County and surrounding communities. Updates will be presented as the project progresses.

Risk Assessment/Risk Management Plan Update – Arnita Gadson, Exec. Dir

The next scheduled Risk Assessment Meeting is October 22, 2001 at the Air Pollution Control District
The next scheduled Risk Management Meeting is October 25, 2001 at the Air Pollution Control District

Funding Update – Arnita Gadson, Exec. Dir

The \$150,000 funding from the State has been confirmed. We should be receiving it as soon as the paper work is completed

Comment from community – Odor machine/ air purifier

No comments from the community.

Odor Project – Tom Herman, Zeon

Copies of the updated information on “Rubbertown odors in your neighborhood” were made available. Copies will also be distributed to schools, neighborhoods and community groups – see enclosed.

Comments from the Board

Membership Applications were distributed. These applications will be kept on file in the Information Center on the 2nd floor, Suite 218 of the NIA Center. **(If you are interested in becoming a member of the WJCCTF, please complete the application and return it to the information center.)**

The farewell letter to Dr. Melinda Roe, Jefferson County Health Department Director was read and later given to Commissioner Darryl Owens to be presented to Dr. Roe at her farewell program at the Rotunda. Arnita Gadson personally thanked Dr. Roe on behalf of the WJCCTF organization at her farewell program at the Health Department.

The Constitution and By-laws will be put on the web site.

