

**WEST COUNTY COMMUNITY TASK FORCE
MEETING MINUTES
September 15, 1998**

PLACE: Louisville Urban League, 1535 West Broadway

TIME: Arnita Gadson, EJP2 coordinator, called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

ITEM I: CORRECTION TO AUGUST MINUTES

ACTION: Rosetta Fackler pointed out a mistake in the August 18, 1998 WCCTF meeting minutes. Under ITEM V: \$20,000 Grant Update, it was incorrectly reported that the Urban Environmental Leadership Institute was part of the \$20,000 grant. The grant does not cover any part of the Institute. The Urban Environmental Leadership Institute will be funded by another grant received by the University of Louisville.

ITEM II: NEIGHBORHOOD FORUMS

ACTION: Arnita reported the West County Community Task Force Neighborhood Forums were successful. The four forums allowed residents to voice their concerns about environmental problems in their respective neighborhoods. Minutes of those meetings will be available in the future.

ITEM III: CHALLENGE GRANTS

ACTION: Discussion ensued regarding the award amounts for BSI Technical Coatings and BF Goodrich. On a 9-0 vote, the final award amounts were \$15,000 to BSI Technical Coatings, and \$7,525 to BF Goodrich.

ITEM IV: RICHARD WESTFALL, EPA EXPERT ON LEAD POISONING

ACTION: Mr. Westfall gave a presentation on how the EPA is working with neighborhood groups like the WCCTF to bring about awareness and prevent lead poisoning in homes. The main points of his talk include:

- Lead is a common health problem for children today, and is entirely preventable
- Children are particularly susceptible to lead's toxicity
- Lead affects all the body's organs
- Causes behavioral problems, like the inability to stand still
- Children treated for lead poisoning often go back to a lead environment
- Homes built prior to the 1970s probably have lead-based paint

Paula Staley of the Jefferson County Health Department is the local lead poisoning contact person. Her phone number is 574-6644. E-mail: pstaley@nltrc.com

Paula added the following information about local lead poisoning efforts:

- Louisville will test water for lead for free
- The Leadsafe Neighborhood Project tested homes in Louisville and found 125 homes with lead
- Lead check swabs can give lead results on-site
- The northwest area has the highest levels of leaded homes

ITEM V: EMPOWERMENT ZONE GRANT SUPPORT

ACTION: Marinelle Moses asked the Task Force for a letter of support for the Second Empowerment Zone application for \$100 million. The focus of this grant is on neighborhood revitalization. The Task Force voted to draft and submit a letter of support by the September 21, 1998 deadline.

ITEM VI: AIR MONITORING

ACTION: Jon Trout of the Jefferson County Air Pollution Control District gave an update on where the APCD is regarding the air quality monitoring. He said the EPA wants the Task Force to have the air quality monitoring sites chosen soon, something along the line of a "Top Ten" list of where to locate the canisters. APCD has started the process of getting the monitoring started. Doug Spillman, who has a lot of experience in the modeling process, will be conducting the monitoring.

Cam Metcalf said there is a sense of urgency about getting the 12 sites selected. Important to choose good locations devoid of overhanging trees, perc drycleaners, and be able to run electricity to the site. Suggested the Task Force have a focus group that will meet more than once a month. Monitoring will begin in March 1999. The ten priority chemicals should be the *community's* selection. On-site visits by the focus group will be necessary to make sure the sites are OK.

In answer to a question about auto and truck emissions being identified by the monitoring, Jon Trout said the modeling would be focused on industries, but it's really the Task Force's decision to make. Canisters will pull in air for 24 hours every 12 days. Sampling on odor complaints could possibly be taken right after a complaint is called in.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.