

## **Rubbertown Community Advisory Council**

### **May 2014**

April 2014 meeting minutes attached

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### **RCAC next meeting:**

Date: Thursday, May 8, 2014

Place: Cane Run Elementary School  
3951 Cane Run Rd, Louisville, KY 40211

Time: **\*\*Cleanup at 5:30 p.m.\*\***  
**\*\*Dinner & Meeting at 6:30 p.m.\*\***

### **Agenda**

5:30 – 6:30 Neighborhood Clean Up  
**\*\* Meet at your designated clean up station \*\***

6:30 – 7:00 Dinner

6:45 – 6:55 Introductions, Mission/Vision/Ground Rules, Approve Minutes  
Matt Rhodes, RCAC President  
**\*\* Note that the meeting will begin at 6:45, during dinner \*\***

6:55 – 7:05 Open Mic – Community

7:05 – 7:15 Open Mic - Plant Related

7:15 – 7:20 Brief Program Committee Report - Tom Herman

7:20 – 7:25 Brief Projects Committee Report - Jana Zigrye

7:25 – 7:30 Brief Membership Committee Report - Todd Trowbridge

7:30 - 7:35 Announcements/Adjournment  
Matt Rhodes, President

<b>Reminder – Meetings in June, July, and August will be held at the MSD “Big-A” facility at 3050 Commerce Center Pl.</b>
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**Meeting Minutes – Rubbertown Community Advisory Council**

**Date:** April 10, 2014 **Time:** 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

**Place:** Cane Run Elementary School, 3951 Camp Ground Rd, Louisville, KY 40216

<p align="center"><b><u>Community Members</u></b></p> <p align="center"><b><u>Present</u></b></p> <p>Diane Bagby Phillip Ball Gerald Gammons Martha Gammons Freddie George Paul Graf Earl Hartlage Darleen Horton Beverly Jones Brenda Kelting Kenneth Madison Barbara Paulin Joyce Korfhage Rhea Matt Rhodes Richard Springston Gordon Welker Ed White Jerry Woolridge</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>Community Members</u></b></p> <p align="center"><b><u>Absent</u></b></p> <p>Peggy Bolton Joe Wagner Jean Zappa</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>Guests</u></b></p> <p align="center"><b><u>Facilitation and Minutes</u></b> Cheryl Fisher, Facilitator</p>
<p align="center"><b><u>Companies</u></b></p> <p>ASRC Arkema Carbide Industries Dow Chemical DuPont Lubrizol Momentive MSD PolyOne Zeon</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>Company Reps</u></b></p> <p>Rich Robinson J. J. Edwards ----- Jana Zigrye Bhanu Calvert, Richard Jarowski Alice Simpson Todd Trowbridge Adraine Ritman, Gary Kohler Karen Finn Tom Herman</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>Key Managers</u></b></p> <p>----- Michael O'Donnell ----- ----- Brian Long ----- ----- ----- ----- -----</p>

## **Agenda**

- 6:00 - 6:10 Introductions, Mission/Vision/Ground Rules, Approve Minutes  
Matt Rhodes, RCAC President
- 6:10 - 6:15 Open Mic – Community
- 6:15 - 6:20 Open Mic - Plant Related
- 6:20 – 6:30 Company Presentation - Rich Robinson, American Synthetic Rubber Company
- 6:30 – 7:00 Cane Run Environmental Club - Darleen Horton, Cane Run Elementary School
- 7:00 – 7:15 Mini Committee Meetings - Membership Development Committee, Program Committee, Projects Committee
- 7:15 – 7:20 Neighborhood Clean Up Plans for May Meeting -Cheryl Fisher, Facilitator
- 7:20 - 7:25 Announcements/Adjournment - Matt Rhodes, President

## **Welcome/Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on April 10, 2014 by new president Matt Rhodes. Introductions were made of all present. The mission, vision, and ground rules were read. Minutes for March meeting were updated and approved.

## **Cane Run Environmental Club**

Members of the environmental club at Cane Run Elementary made a presentation on how they are learning about the environment in their school. They then provided a group tour of the outdoor classroom garden and the school's geothermal units.

## **Open Mic – Community-Related**

The meeting resumed at 6:43 with Matt Rhodes congratulating Darleen Horton and the Cane Run Environmental Club on a very good presentation and tour. Matt then shared that Peggy Bolton, community member, is recovering from a fall a couple of weeks ago. Her contact information is available.

Bev Jones invited the group to join in with the Park DuValle area on a Brightside clean up as part of the Mayor's Give-a-Day on Saturday, April 12, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.

Diane Bagby announced that the LEPC will hold its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Safety Fair on July 12, 2014 at Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church on Cane Run Road. More details to follow.

Jerry Woolridge announced that the Southern Star Baptist Church will also participate in the Brightside cleanup beginning with a light breakfast at 9am with the cleanup beginning immediately afterwards.

Darleen Horton announced that April 25 from 10-12 is Career Day for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders at Cane Run Elementary. She invited all to participate.

Earl Hartlage shared that there was a recent cleanup by another group along the Lees Lane area. He announced that they picked up a lot of debris in that area.

### **Open Mic – Plant-Related**

Dow Chemical conducted a cleanup along Cane Run, which they do twice a year. Dow is also sponsoring a new Habitat for Humanity house, for which the “Raise the Roof” three day ceremony began today. The house is in the Smoketown area. Martha Gammons questioned use of the approximate 500 lots that the mayor has been asking for proposals for Habitat for Humanity use. Jana agreed to discuss the idea with Habitat for Humanity.

Tom Herman distributed bumper stickers, cards embedded with seeds, and other items from the Air Pollution Control District.

### **Company Presentation - Rich Robinson, American Synthetic Rubber Company**

An overview of the property and operations at the American Synthetic Rubber Company (ASRC) was presented by Rich Robinson. ASRC is located on Campground Road; it is bordered by Arkema, Dow, DuPont, and Citgo. ASRC is a division of Michelin Tire Company, headquartered in Clermont-Ferrand, France. Their US headquarters is in Greenville, South Carolina. The site has 370 employees and five labor unions. The site manufactures synthetic rubber for tires and a liquid fuel rubber polymer used in solid rocket fuel, formerly used in the Space Shuttle program.

ASRC has done a life cycle analysis with all of their activities. Carbon emissions from tire usage account for the largest environmental impact as tires contribute to 20% of fuel consumption. Michelin is geared towards developing more environmentally-friendly tires. They have set aggressive environmental goals at their factories. Over the last 7 years, the Louisville site has achieved more than a 90% reduction in volatile organic chemical emissions. The plant operates at a 98% recycling rate and has reduced water usage by 15%. Rich also shared the toxic release inventory trend, which shows a large reduction in releases since the beginning of TRI reporting in 1988.

ASRC has made major investments in environmental projects. Current projects involve solvent conversion to significantly reduce toluene emissions.

ASRC conducted a major training event last year with emergency responders on the local, state, and federal level. Rich shared details of the scenario and response exercise.

The site maintains a nature preserve area, across the street from the plant, which is built on former landfill sites. The RCAC group toured the area last summer.

Along with contributions to other community groups, such as Dare to Care and Shively Area Ministries, and Cane Run Elementary, ASRC maintains a partnership with nearby Farnsley Middle School. One of the projects completed at the middle school involved computer and software donations for a math lab which helps to bring students up to grade level in math. Student math levels at the school have improved greatly with the use of the lab.

ASRC is hiring. Flyers on the application process were available at the meeting. The site is looking for electricians, pipefitters, and machinists.

### **Neighborhood Cleanup**

The annual RCAC neighborhood cleanup will start at 5:30 p.m. on May 8. Report directly to your clean up base station at 5:30. Following the cleanup, the pre-meeting meal will begin at 6:30, with a meeting afterwards. If it rains a little, do not assume that the cleanups are cancelled. You will be contacted if the event is cancelled. Clean up areas are as follows. A sign-up sheet was distributed.

#### Cane Run Area

Base Station: Cane Run Elementary  
3951 Cane Run Rd

Boundaries: Cane Run from Ralph to RR tracks; Ralph from Cane Run to Verna Rd;  
Verna Rd. to Cane Run Elementary

#### Bells Lane

Base Station: Zeon Parking Lot  
4100 Bells Lane

Boundaries: Zeon to 39th Street to Algonquin Pkwy

#### Lees Lane

Base Station: Neighborhood Place  
3410 Lees Lane

Boundaries: Lees Lane from Camp Ground Road to Cane Run Road

### **Mini Committee Meetings**

Very brief meetings of the Membership Development Committee, Program Committee, and Projects Committee were held. Reports will be made at the May meeting.

### **Announcements/Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.