

**Rubbertown Community Advisory Council**  
**June 2015**

May 2015 meeting minutes attached  
Please direct questions or comments to [rcac\\_facilitator@outlook.com](mailto:rcac_facilitator@outlook.com)

**RCAC next meeting:**

Date: Thursday, June 11, 2015

Place: Chickasaw Park – Front Shelter  
1200 Southwestern Parkway, Louisville, KY 40211

Time: ***Pre-meeting Hike/Tour w/ Major Waltman – Meet at Shelter at 4:45 p.m.***  
***EMA Mobile Command Center Tours 5:15 – 6:00 p.m.***  
Buffet Dinner Served at 5:30 p.m.  
Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**Agenda**

6:00 – 6:10 Welcome/Introductions/Approve Minutes  
Brenda Kelting, President

6:10 – 6:15 Open Mic – Community Related

6:15 – 6:20 Open Mic – Plant Related

6:20 – 6:35 **Chickasaw Park History and Current Projects**  
Major Waltman, Project Director - Olmsted Parks

6:35 – 7:05 **Emergency Response in Louisville**  
Diane Vogel, Deputy Director  
Louisville Jefferson County EMA/MetroSafe

7:05 – 7:20 Brief Committee Reports

- Membership Committee
- Program Committee
- Projects Committee
  - Park DuValle Health Center Health Fair – August 15
  - EMA/Metrosafe Health & Safety Fair - date tba

7:20 – 7:25 Announcements/Adjournment

<p><b>NEXT MEETING: JULY 9, 2015</b> <b>MSD MAINTENANCE FACILITY • 3050 COMMERCE CENTER PLACE</b></p>
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**Meeting Minutes – Rubbertown Community Advisory Council**

**Date:** May 14, 2015 **Scheduled Time:** 6:00 – 7:45 p.m.

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

<p><b><u>Community Members</u></b>  <b><u>Present</u></b>  Phillip Ball  Gerald Gammons  Martha Gammons  Paul Graf  Earl Hartlage  Beverly Jones  Brenda Kelting  Kenneth Madison  Barbara Paulin  Diane Vogel  Gordon Welker  Mary Jo Wimsatt</p>	<p><b><u>Community Members</u></b>  <b><u>Absent</u></b>  Peggy Bolton  Freddie George  Joyce Korfhage Rhea  Matt Rhodes  Richard Springston  Joe Wagner  Ed White  Jerry Woolridge  Jean Zappa</p>	<p><b><u>Guests</u></b>  Brian Callihan, Dow Chemical  Debra Hoffer, Junior Achievement  Debbie Dalton, Junior Achievement  Laura Darnell, Redwing Ecological Services</p> <p><b><u>Facilitation and Minutes</u></b>  Cheryl Fisher, Facilitator</p>
<p><b><u>Companies</u></b>  ASRC  Arkema  Carbide Industries  Dow Chemical  DuPont  Hexion  Lubrizol  MSD  PolyOne  Zeon</p>	<p><b><u>Company Reps</u></b>  Rich Robinson  -----  Corinne Greenberg  Jana Zigrye  Bhanu Calvert, Greg Easterling  Todd Trowbridge  Susan Clark  Adraine Ritman, Gary Kohler  -----  Lori Carson, Tom Herman</p>	<p><b><u>Key Managers</u></b>  Guillaume Coiraton  -----  Dan Wharton  -----  Brian Long, Ryan Maus  Jeff Anderson  -----  -----  -----  -----</p>

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- 6:00 – 6:10 Welcome/Introductions/Approve Minutes - Brenda Kelting, President  
6:10 – 6:30 Cane Run Environmental Club - Mary Jo Wimsatt, Ph.D. – Magnet Coordinator  
6:30 – 6:35 Open Mic – Community Related  
6:35 – 6:40 Open Mic – Plant Related  
6:40 – 6:50 Company Presentation – DuPont - Bhanu Calvert – SHE Manager  
6:50 – 7:10 STEM Careers Project – Brian Callihan, Dow Chemicals Production Leader  
7:10 – 7:25 Brief Committee Meetings
- Membership Committee
  - Program Committee
  - Projects Committee
- 7:25 – 7:30 June Meeting Update - Chickasaw Park - Cheryl Fisher  
7:30 – 7:35 Announcements/Adjournment

## **Welcome/Performance**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Brenda Kelting, RCAC President. Introductions were made by all present. The RCAC mission, vision, and ground rules were read. The April minutes were approved.

## **Cane Run Elementary Environmental Club - Mary Jo Wimsatt, Ph.D.-Magnet Coordinator**

Fourth and fifth grade students in the Environmental Club at Cane Run Elementary School shared how they learn about environmental matters and teach other students. They discussed their current projects including the school recycling effort, including how they address unused cafeteria food, which is recycled back into the community through Kentucky Harvest. Cane Run is only one of two elementary schools district-wide donating to Kentucky Harvest. Cane Run Elementary is 100% free and reduced lunches, so through this project they are giving to others in the community who are in need while eliminating waste.

## **Open Mic – Community-Related**

Earl Hartlage discussed his frustrations surrounding flooded areas resulting from heavy rains in early April and how there are some problems that still need to be addressed. He also discussed that in the late 1970s there was a Jefferson County Water Management department that installed large ditches across the county when there were no water runoff taxes collected. He appealed to MSD to clean out the ditches or force property owners to clean them out to improve drainage.

In response, Diane Vogel (Louisville Emergency Management) commented that the President has declared a national disaster area for the flooding that occurred on April 3, which is being communicated for those who were affected. Affected parties can apply for disaster assistance. There are grants and loans available. You can register online at <http://www.disasterassistance.gov/> or contact Louisville Emergency Management for details. The deadline to apply for assistance is June 29.

## **Open Mic – Plant-Related**

Jana Zigrye, Dow Chemical gave an update on the “You Be the Chemist” challenge that was held in March. Four winners from that competition went to the State competition. One of the

local winners won the State competition and will compete in the National competition in Philadelphia in June.

Brian Long introduced Greg Easterling, recently relocated by DuPont from Rochester, NY. Ryan is the DuPont plant manager for the Vinyl Fluoride unit on the Louisville Works site. Brian reminded the group that on July 1, there will be a corporate spin-off in DuPont which will result in the Louisville Works site becoming two plants. Chemours, the newly formed company, will be the landlord of the Louisville site and will continue to operate the existing Freon<sup>®</sup> 22 plant. DuPont will continue to operate the existing Vinyl Fluoride plant. Brian Long will become the Chemours plant manager and will remain at the Louisville Works site.

Ryan Maus introduced Greg Easterling, who will become the new Safety, Health, and Environmental manager for DuPont at the Louisville Works site.

### **DuPont Company Presentation, Bhanu Calvert - Safety, Health, & Environmental Manager**

Bhanu Calvert updated the group on DuPont. DuPont is a science company that has been in existence for more than 200 years. The company operates in about 90 countries worldwide. Current focus is working to solve some of the world's biggest problems such as feed the world, build a secure energy future, and protect life and environment.

Bhanu also gave some history on two DuPont brothers, who were grandsons of the company's founders, who came to Louisville in the 1800s when they were told that they would not make their fortune in the company business in Delaware. They gave about \$150,000 to finance DuPont-Manual school and they started a newspaper which later became the Courier Journal. Their family home was at the current Central Park, which was donated to the city.

Brian Long, plant manager, explained that the original DuPont Louisville Works property was built to manufacture neoprene (synthetic rubber) in 1941, which was produced at the site until 2008. The plant was purchased in 1942 by the federal government to supply rubber for the war effort, and was resold back to DuPont later.

There are about 180 employees on the site. After the company split on July 1, about 50 employees will remain as DuPont employees while the remainder will become part of the spin-off company, Chemours.

The site recently won their 32<sup>nd</sup> Board of Director's corporate award. Also, over the last two years, the site has received two of the Governor's Safety & Health awards. In addition, DuPont employees are involved in many community initiatives on both company and personal time.

DuPont is shifting from being known as a chemical company to a science company, focusing on agriculture & nutrition, industrial biosciences, and safety & protection. On July 1, the chemicals business within DuPont will spin off from the DuPont company and will be a stand-alone, publically-traded company named Chemours, with stock ticker 'CC' and DuPont stock ticker will remain 'DD' after the split. (An explanation of how the split will affect the Louisville Works site is shown above under Open Mic – Plant Related).

Chemours will continue to carry on DuPont's core values including safety of employees, protection of environment, respect for people, and high ethical standards.

**STEM Careers Project – Brian Callihan, Dow Chemicals Production Leader**

Brian Callihan, Junior Achievement Board Member, introduced a new program designed to introduce STEM careers (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). *JA Inspire* is a program by Junior Achievement that is designed to generate interest in STEM at a young age. With high schools designed to develop career interests, future career decisions are being made as early as 8<sup>th</sup> grade. *JA Inspire* will introduce 8<sup>th</sup> graders to careers in STEM fields. The program will pilot different STEM career areas in conjunction with the JCPS Showcase of Schools in October 2015. In the initial phase, pilot schools will attend the exhibits on the Thursday before the Showcase of Schools. The exhibits will also be available for all students and parents on Friday and Saturday. Brian appealed to all of the companies in Rubbertown and community members to participate in this program.

Brian also made available brochures for summer camps for JA Biztown Camp and Middle School Startup Days.

**June Meeting Update - Chickasaw Park - Cheryl Fisher**

The June 11 regularly-scheduled meeting will be held in the front shelter at Chickasaw Park. There will be a pre-dinner hike and tour, led by an Olmsted Parks representative. Details will be distributed later. EMA/Metrosafe will give tours of their Mobile Command Center vehicle prior to the meeting as well. Bench seating and restrooms are available at the shelter. You may bring your own chair if you wish.

**Announcements**

The Membership Development Committee, Program Committee, and Projects Committee met briefly. There were no announcements. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.