

Rubbertown Community Advisory Council
October 2015

September 2015 meeting minutes attached
Please direct questions or comments to **rcac_facilitator@outlook.com**

RCAC next meeting:

Date: Thursday, October 8, 2015
Place: Cane Run Elementary School
3951 Cane Run Road
Time: Buffet Dinner Served at 5:30 p.m.
Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

6:00 – 6:10 Welcome/Introductions/Mission/Vision/Ground Rules/Approve Minutes
Brenda Kelting, President
6:10 – 6:15 Open Mic – Community Related
6:15 – 6:20 Open Mic – Plant Related
6:20 – 6:30 American Red Cross
Jeanne Curtis
6:30 – 6:50 Real Estate Insurance in Kentucky
Robin Coombs, Assistant Director – Kentucky Department of Insurance
6:50 – 7:10 DuPont 50 Years Later
Ryan Maus, DuPont Plant Manager
7:10 – 7:15 Announcements/Adjournment

<p>NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 12, 2015 CANE RUN ELEMENTARY • 3951 CANE RUN ROAD</p>

Meeting Minutes – Rubbertown Community Advisory Council

Date: September 10, 2015 **Scheduled Time:** 6:00 – 7:45 p.m.

Place: Dow Chemical, 4300 Campground Road, Louisville, KY 40216

<p><u>Community Members</u> <u>Present</u> Phillip Ball Gerald Gammons Martha Gammons Paul Graf Earl Hartlage Beverly Jones Brenda Kelting Kenneth Madison Barbara Paulin Richard Springston Gordon Welker Ed White Mary Jo Wimsatt</p>	<p><u>Community Members</u> <u>Absent</u> Peggy Bolton Freddie George Joyce Korfhage Rhea Matt Rhodes Diane Vogel Joe Wagner Jerry Woolridge Jean Zappa</p>	<p><u>Guests</u> John Moran, Dow Chemical Darren Keith, Dow Chemical <u>Facilitation and Minutes</u> Cheryl Fisher, Facilitator</p>
<p><u>Companies</u> ASRC Arkema Carbide Industries Chemours Dow Chemical DuPont Hexion Lubrizol MSD PolyOne Zeon</p>	<p><u>Company Reps</u> Kathy Cameron ----- Corinne Greenberg Richard Jarowski, Bhanu Calvert Jana Zigrye, Brian Callihan Greg Easterling ----- Adraine Ritman, Gary Kohler ----- Lori Carson, Tom Herman</p>	<p><u>Key Managers</u> Guillaume Coiraton ----- ----- ----- Phillip Dale ----- ----- Sam Striegel ----- ----- Heather Hale</p>

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- 6:20 – 6:35 Committee Reports - Membership, Program, Projects Committee
- 6:35 – 6:55 Dow Chemical Plant Update – Brian Callihan, Plant Manager
- 6:55 – 7:00 Announcements/Adjournment
- 7:00 – 7:45 Dow Chemical Plant Tour

Welcome/Performance

The group was welcomed to the Dow Chemical plant by Phillip Dale, Plant Manager. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by RCAC President Brenda Kelting. Introductions were made by all present. The RCAC mission, vision, and ground rules were read. The August minutes were approved.

Open Mic – Community-Related

Mary Jo Wimsatt announced STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Math) day at Cane Run Elementary School, to be held on September 15. She will send information to plant representatives the day following the meeting. She is in need of sponsors and representatives for the event.

Open Mic – Plant-Related

Brian Callihan, Dow Chemical, reminded the group of the Mini-Maker Faire to be held on September 19 from 11:00 a.m. – 6 p.m. in the 700-800 block of West Main Street. JA Inspire, for which Dow is a presenting sponsor, will have a tent at the Mini-Maker Faire. The JA Inspire event for 8th graders, discussed at the August RCAC meeting, will be integrated into the JCPS Showcase of Schools in October.

Guillaume Coiraton, American Synthetic Rubber Company (ASRC) Plant Manager, informed the group that ASRC completed a successful maintenance shutdown where they performed a great deal of maintenance work. At times, they had up to 300 contractors on site and they were able to complete the work without any injuries or incidents. They are currently starting up the operations from the shutdown.

Committee Reports

25th Anniversary Ad-Hoc Committee – Lori Carson

Lori Carson reported on the initial meeting that was held by the ad hoc committee to plan the 25th anniversary of RCAC, which will take place in 2016. Tentative dates for the milestone anniversary event are September 9-10, 2016.

Projects Committee – Jana Zigrye

The new Wally Wiseguy costume has been received. The projects committee is also working on an upgrade to the RCAC display for fairs and taking inventory of giveaways.

Membership Committee – No report.

Program Committee – Tom Herman

The Program Committee is developing preliminary meeting topics for next year.

Dow Chemical Plant Update

The group was provided an update on the Louisville Dow plant. The site currently has 135 employees operating three business units. History of the plant, originally built in 1945 by Union Carbide to manufacture butadiene, was shared. In 1960, the plant was purchased by Rohm & Haas. The Plexiglas Molding Powder unit was sold in 1998 and currently operates as Arkema. Current production units on the plant, now Dow Chemical, include Performance Monomers, Dow Plastics Additives, and Dow Coating Materials.

The site is involved in many community initiatives including, among others, being a presenting sponsor for Junior Achievement INSPIRE, sponsoring “You Be the Chemist” competition, participating in STEAM Day at Cane Run Elementary School, sponsoring Camp Invention summer camp at Cane Run Elementary, granting aid for Habitat for Humanity, and raising funds for United Way.

Other involvement by the plant includes groups such as the Rubbertown Community Advisory Council, the West Jefferson County Community Task Force, Kentucky Association of Manufacturers (KAM), Greater Louisville Inc. (GLI), and the Rubbertown Mutual Aid Association (RMAA).

Announcements

Ed White gave an update on community members Joyce Korfhage Rhea and Peggy Bolton. The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m. Attendees were given tours of the Dow Chemical Plant following the meeting.