

Rubbertown Community Advisory Council
July 2016

Date: Thursday, July 14, 2016

Place: **MSD Maintenance Facility**
3050 Commerce Center Place, Louisville, KY 40211

Time: 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
Phil Ball, RCAC President

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

6:15 – 6:20 Open Mic – Plant Related

6:20 – 6:30 LEPC Safety Fair and Park DuValle Health Fair Planning
Project Committee and Cheryl Fisher, Facilitator

6:30 – 6:55 **Park DuValle Health Center**
Ann Hagan-Grigsby, Chief Administrative Officer

6:55 – 7:05 Announcements/Adjourn

June 2016 meeting minutes attached
Please direct questions or comments to rcac_facilitator@outlook.com

<p>NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 11, 2016 MSD MAINTENANCE FACILITY • 3050 COMMERCE CENTER PLACE</p>
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Meeting Minutes – Rubbertown Community Advisory Council

Date: June 9, 2016 **Scheduled Time:** 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

Place: MSD Maintenance Facility, 3050 Commerce Center Place, Louisville, KY 40211

<p align="center"><u>Community Members</u></p> <p align="center"><u>Present</u></p> <p>Phillip Ball Gerald Gammons Martha Gammons Beverly Jones Brenda Kelting Barbara Paulin Ebony Pryor Matt Rhodes Richard Springston Gordon Welker</p>	<p align="center"><u>Community Members</u></p> <p align="center"><u>Absent</u></p> <p>Freddie George Paul Graf Earl Hartlage Diane Vogel Joe Wagner Ed White Jerry Woolridge Jean Zappa</p>	<p align="center"><u>Guests</u></p> <p>Lauren Claypool, Cane Run Elem. Mark Ohlmann, EMA Tim Osburn, EMA Jim Bottom, EMA</p> <p align="center"><u>Facilitation and Minutes</u></p> <p>Cheryl Fisher, Facilitator</p>
<p align="center"><u>Companies</u></p> <p>ASRC Arkema Carbide Industries Chemours Dow Chemical DuPont Hexion Lubrizol MSD Zeon</p>	<p align="center"><u>Company Reps</u></p> <p>Kathy Cameron ----- Corinne Greenberg Richard Jarowski Jana Zigray Greg Easterling ----- Gary Kohler, Adriane Ritman -----</p>	<p align="center"><u>Key Managers</u></p> <p>Guillaume Coiraton ----- ----- ----- ----- Ryan Maus ----- Sam Striegel Alex Novak -----</p>

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- 6:20 – 6:45 Environmental Justice in Kentucky - Arnita Gadson
- 6:45 – 7:10 Brief Committee Reports
 - Membership Committee
 - Projects Committee
 - Program Committee
 - 25th Anniversary Ad Hoc Committee
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Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by RCAC President Phil Ball, who also read the mission, vision, and ground rules. Introductions were made of all present. The May minutes were approved.

Open Mic – Community-Related

Arnita Gadson shared that the University of Louisville is conducting an indoor asthma study and is looking for volunteer participants. They need 200 volunteers over the age of sixty who have asthma, but do not smoke. She left flyers for those who are interested.

Bev Jones requested a moment of silence in memory of Muhammad Ali, which was observed.

Open Mic – Plant-Related

Sam Striegel, Lubrizol Plant Manager, informed the group that a Code Red went out twice on 6/9/2016. However, both alerts were for a single incident. A caustic scrubber, which is used to neutralize emissions had an instrumental problem which allowed caustic to overflow the scrubber to the diked area. The caustic will be recovered and recycled back to the process.

Jim Bottom, Louisville Emergency Management, clarified that EMA instructed their vendor to resend the Code Red because they were unsure that everyone received the initial message.

Jana Zigrye announced that Dow is hiring. They are looking for a controls engineer, reliability engineer, packagers, and mechanics.

Addressing the company representatives and managers, Bev Jones expressed the need for summer employment opportunities for high school aged youth in the community. She asked if the companies can create any opportunities for these students.

Guillaume Coiraton announced that the sling shot seed bomb project was held in their Native Campground Area to plant wildflowers, as planned. Some RCAC members came out to participate in the project.

Environmental Justice in Kentucky

Arnita Gadson, West Jefferson County Community Task Force

Arnita Gadson explained the history of environmental justice (EJ) and its principles, including the history of EJ in Kentucky.

Seventeen principles of Environmental Justice:

1. Environmental justice affirms the sacredness of Mother Earth, ecological unity and the interdependence of all species, and the right to be free from ecological destruction.
2. Environmental justice demands that public policy be based on mutual respect and justice for all peoples, free from any form of discrimination or bias.
3. Environmental justice mandates the right to ethical, balanced and responsible uses of land and renewable resources in the interest of a sustainable planet for humans and other living things.
4. Environmental justice calls for universal protection from nuclear testing, extraction, production and disposal of toxic/hazardous wastes and poisons and nuclear testing that threaten the fundamental right to clean air, land, water, and food.

5. Environmental justice affirms the fundamental right to political, economic, cultural and environmental self-determination of all peoples.
6. Environmental justice demands the cessation of the production of all toxins, hazardous wastes, and radioactive materials, and that all past and current producers be held strictly accountable to the people for detoxification and the containment at the point of production.
7. Environmental justice demands the right to participate as equal partners at every level of decision-making including needs assessment, planning, implementation, enforcement and evaluation.
8. Environmental justice affirms the right of all workers to a safe and healthy work environment, without being forced to choose between an unsafe livelihood and unemployment. It also affirms the right of those who work at home to be free from environmental hazards.
9. Environmental justice protects the right of victims of environmental injustice to receive full compensation and reparations for damages as well as quality health care.
10. Environmental justice considers governmental acts of environmental injustice a violation of international law, the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, and the United Nations Convention on Genocide.
11. Environmental justice must recognize a special legal and natural relationship of Native Peoples to the U.S. government through treaties, agreements, compacts, and covenants affirming sovereignty and self-determination.
12. Environmental justice affirms the need for urban and rural ecological policies to clean up and rebuild our cities and rural areas in balance with nature, honoring the cultural integrity of all our communities, and providing fair access for all to the full range of resources.
13. Environmental justice calls for the strict enforcement of principles of informed consent, and a halt to the testing of experimental reproductive and medical procedures and vaccinations on people of color.
14. Environmental justice opposes the destructive operations of multi-national corporations.
15. Environmental justice opposes military occupation, repression and exploitation of lands, peoples and cultures, and other life forms.
16. Environmental justice calls for the education of present and future generations which emphasizes social and environmental issues, based on our experience and an appreciation of our diverse cultural perspectives.
17. Environmental justice requires that we, as individuals, make personal and consumer choices to consume as little of Mother Earth's resources and to produce as little waste as possible; and make the conscious decision to challenge and reprioritize our lifestyles to insure the health of the natural world for present and future generations.

In 1971, the Environmental Quality Commission was created and the term Environmental Justice was adopted. Following many initiatives surrounding environment justice issues across the country, President Bill Clinton signed an executive order on Environmental Justice in 1994.

Ways to consider and implement environmental justice in everyday activities:

- Make clear authority is explained and understood.
- Early engagement is key to public citizens.
- Don't wait until the public comment period to engage the public.
- Informal interactions are important.
- Consider the cumulative impact. Learn the history of EJ in the neighborhood.

- Consider planning and zoning necessary changes to avoid environmental burden
- Remember that there are clients on both sides of the table

Potential Issues:

- Lack of time, personnel, training, facilitation, mediation, limited authority
- Historical issues can become a conflict
- Politics and elected officials
- Lack of trust among regulators
- Lack of communication with industry

The West Jefferson County Community Task Force (WJCCTF) will hold an Environmental Justice workshop on October 20. They will also celebrate twenty years of the WJCCTF at that time. They are looking for sponsors to assist.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee is working on a couple of initiatives. One is to address membership changes associated with agencies. Another issue is how to address companies entering and exiting RCAC in the bylaws. A handout with draft language was provided to committee members.

Projects Committee – 25th Committee

A reminder was made that the 25th anniversary banquet will be on Friday, September 9. The banquet will be in lieu of the regularly-scheduled September 8 meeting. Tom Owen has agreed to be the keynote speaker for the event. He was recently awarded the Joan Reihm Memorial Environmental Leadership Award by the Mayor. Tom Herman, an original RCAC company representative who is recently retired from Zeon, will be the emcee. The Display Committee is seeking photographs for the display at the banquet. They want photos of facilities, people, RCAC events, etc. Send photographs to Cheryl Fisher or any member of the Display Committee – Bev Jones, Lori Carson, or Susan Clark.

Jana Zigrye shared that the community project associated with the 25th anniversary will likely be a tree-planting project at Farnsley Middle School in partnership with the Louisville Office of Sustainability. The project will take place in November.

RCAC is supporting the Back-to-School Bash backpack program which will be held on Sunday, August 7 at Cane Run Elementary, in partnership with the New Birth Church. Ebony Pryor asked that drives be held before the end of July. They are still soliciting sponsorship help with food for the event in addition to backpack supplies.

Program Committee

Corinne Greenberg covered scheduled programs for the remainder of 2016. She also reminded companies that she will collect the annual TRI data soon for sharing at the August meeting.

Announcements/Adjournment

There were no announcements. The meeting was adjourned to committee meetings at 7:10 p.m.