Rubbertown Community Advisory Council

June 2016

Date: Thursday, June 9, 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 – 6:45 Environmental Justice in Kentucky
Arnita Gadson

6:45 – 7:10 Brief Committee Reports
• Membership Committee
• Projects Committee
• Program Committee
• 25th Anniversary Ad Hoc Committee

7:10 – 7:15 Announcements/Adjourn

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

NEXT MEETING: JULY 14, 2016
MSD MAINTENANCE FACILITY • 3050 COMMERCE CENTER PLACE
Meeting Minutes – Rubbertown Community Advisory Council
Date: May 12, 2016  Scheduled Time: 6:00 – 7:10 p.m.
Place: Cane Run Elementary School, 3951 Cane Run Road, Louisville

Community Members

Present
Phillip Ball
Gerald Gammons
Martha Gammons
Paul Graf
Earl Hartlage
Beverly Jones
Ebony Pryor
Richard Springston
Gordon Welker
Ed White
Mary Jo Wimsatt

Absent
Freddie George
Brenda Kelting
Barbara Paulin
Matt Rhodes
Diane Vogel
Joe Wagner
Jerry Woolridge
Jean Zappa

Guests
Nakesha Mansfield, Cane Run Environmental Club parent
Lauren Claypool, Cane Run Elementary School
Mark Ohlmann, EMA
Jim Bottom, EMA

Facilitation and Minutes
Cheryl Fisher, Facilitator

Companies

ASRC
Arkema
Carbide Industries
Chemours
Dow Chemical
DuPont
Hexion
Lubrizol
MSD
Zeon

Company Reps
Kathy Cameron
Corinne Greenberg
Richard Jarowski
Brian Callahan
Todd Trowbridge
Gary Kohler, Adriane Ritman
Lori Carson

Key Managers
Guillaume Coiraton
Sam Striegel
Jeff Anderson

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6:10 – 6:25 Cane Run Environmental Club
Mary Jo Wimsatt, Ph.D. – Magnet Coordinator, Cane Run Elementary

6:25 – 6:30 Open Mic – Community Related

6:30 – 6:35 Open Mic – Plant Related

6:35 – 6:45 25th Anniversary – Group Planning
Lori Carson, Cheryl Fisher

6:45 – 6:50 Announcements/Adjourn to Committee Meetings

6:55 – 7:10 Brief committee meetings
• Membership Committee
• Program Committee/25th Anniversary Ad Hoc Committee
• Projects Committee
Welcome
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by RCAC President Phil Ball.

Cane Run Environmental Club
Mary Jo Wimsatt, Ph.D. – Magnet Coordinator, Cane Run Elementary
The Cane Run Elementary School Environmental Club started a robotics club that has participated in local competitions. The club demonstrated their programmed robots for RCAC. The club also participated in a food recycling program as they have in past years. They collected 23,915 food items, which were given to Second Harvest for distribution in the community.

Mission/Vision/Ground Rules
The mission, vision, and ground rules were read by RCAC President Phil Ball. Introductions were made of all present. The March minutes were approved. April meeting minutes were approved with a correction that the River City Drum Corps participated, not performed, in the Brightside clean up at Park DuValle.

Cane Run Elementary/New Birth Church Back Pack Program
Ebony Pryor, Business Administrator - New Birth Church
Lauren Claypool, Family Resource Counselor – Cane Run Elementary
Ebony Pryor and Lauren Claypool introduced the group to the annual back to school backpack program held as a joint event of the New Birth Church and Cane Run Elementary School. The 2015 drive was held at the school last year using volunteers from New Birth Church. Over 1200 students were served. The 2016 event will be held at the church on Sunday August 7, which is the Sunday before school begins.

Lauren asked for companies and RCAC members to help in any way that they can. Donations can be made through New Birth Church. Along with backpacks and school supplies, they need food such as hot dogs, drinks, and services such as medical screenings and barbering. They will also appreciate volunteers to help on August 7, which is the Sunday before school begins. Call Ebony Pryor at New Birth Church or Lauren Claypool at Cane Run Elementary School for more information.

Ebony Pryor agreed to provide a list of school supplies that are needed. (https://www.jefferson.kyschools.us/fundamental-supply-list)

Open Mic – Community-Related
This will be the last meeting for Mary Jo Wimsatt at Cane Run Elementary School. She will move to Roosevelt Perry Elementary School as a STEAM lab teacher. She expressed that she would like to continue a relationship with the companies, including holding a STEAM Day at Roosevelt Perry similar to the one held at Cane Run Elementary.

Earl Hartlage questioned whether LG&E will return the site to grade after demolishing the Paddy’s Run plant, as stated at the last RCAC meeting. He clarified that only the old coal-fired plant will be demolished. There are also turbine engines on site.
Martha Gammons shared that the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) has free programs for children and materials available for teachers. Contact Colleen Wilson at the SAR.

Lauren Claypool shared that she learned about a Red Cross program for second graders regarding what to do in an emergency at a past RCAC meeting. Cane Run Elementary students enjoyed the program.

Phil Ball thanked American Synthetic Rubber Company (ASRC) for their participation in the Harbor House Ken-Ducky Derby. Over 27,000 ducks were sold, with over 700 of those sold through ASRC. The Ken-Ducky Derby was moved from September to April as it became an official Kentucky Derby Festival event this year.

Open Mic – Plant-Related

Kathy Cameron stated that the new LG&E gas line will run through the Campground Native Area across from the American Synthetic Rubber plant. She clarified that LG&E is not only updating the plant for capacity, the line that is currently in place is fifty years later, so it is also a safety project.

Kathy also shared that the Air Pollution Control District agenda for the next board meeting includes the proposed board order for the program discussed at the last RCAC meeting.

In addition, ASRC has ordered “seed bombs” to sling wildflowers in the Campground Native Area. The work day to launch the seed bombs will be on May 27 in the Campground Native Area. She invited RCAC members to participate.

25th Anniversary – Group Planning

Lori Carson, Zeon Chemicals & Cheryl Fisher, Facilitator

RCAC was formed in 1991, so 2016 marks the 25th anniversary of the group. Lori Carson is leading an ad hoc committee for the anniversary celebration. Committee members are Bev Jones, Brenda Kelting, Ebony Pryor, Paul Graf, Susan Clark, Corinne Greenberg, Richard Jarowski, and Jana Zigrye.

In lieu of the September RCAC meeting, a banquet will be held on Friday, September 9, at the Hilton Garden Inn on Crittenden Drive. Tentatively, the event will begin at 6:00 p.m. Tom Owen, city archivist and Metro Council member, will be the keynote speaker. If you have any suggestions for the invitation list, please give those to Cheryl.

There will be a set up committee, display committee, and breakdown committee. The display committee needs photos from over the years. Please send any photos that you have of RCAC events or Rubbertown over years to Cheryl or one of the committee members.

The set up committee includes Ebony, Brenda, Richard and Corinne.

The display committee includes Bev, Susan, Lori, and Cheryl.

Cheryl thanked the plants for supporting the group through a special assessment for the anniversary.

In addition to the banquet, the group would like to host a community event on Saturday, September 10. The group is working on a tree-planting project and/or another seed bomb project at the Campground Native Area.
The group discussed the feasibility of planting on right-of-ways. Martha Gammons commented that a previous project installed by Commissioner Owen saw a lot of trees die because they were not cared for in right-of-ways. She suggested that groups, such as boy scouts, etc. be identified to care for any trees planted in such areas.

**Announcements/Adjournment**

There were no announcements. The meeting was adjourned to committee meetings at 6:55.