

Rubbertown Community Advisory Council
February 2017

January 2017 Minutes Attached

Please direct questions or comments to rcac_facilitator@outlook.com

RCAC next meeting:

Date: Thursday, February 9, 2017

Place: Cane Run Elementary School
3951 Cane Run Road, Louisville

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 – 6:35 **Kentucky Humane Society**
Alisa Gray, Development Director

6:35 – 6:50 **Saints Mary & Elizabeth Hospital** – Kentucky One Health
Teresa Hanke, Director of Operations

6:50 – 7:00 Officer Nominations

- RCAC Vice President

7:00 – 7:05 Announcements/Adjourn to Committee Meetings

7:05 – 7:20 Brief Committee Meetings

- Program Committee
- Projects Committee
- Membership Committee

<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT MEETING: MARCH 9, 2017 CANE RUN ELEMENTARY • 3951 CANE RUN ROAD</p>

Meeting Minutes – Rubbertown Community Advisory Council

Date: January 12, 2017 **Scheduled Time:** 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

Place: Cane Run Elementary School, 3951 Cane Run Road, Louisville

<p align="center"><u>Community Members</u></p> <p align="center"><u>Present</u></p> <p>Phillip Ball Lauren Claypool Gerald Gammons Martha Gammons Paul Graf Earl Hartlage Beverly Jones Ebony Pryor Matt Rhodes Ed White Jerry Woolridge</p>	<p align="center"><u>Community Members</u></p> <p align="center"><u>Absent</u></p> <p>Freddie George Brenda Kelting Barbara Paulin Richard Springston Diane Vogel Joe Wagner Gordon Welker Jean Zappa</p>	<p align="center"><u>Guests</u></p> <p>Tim Osburn, Louisville Metro EMS Pam Henry, Mary Queen of Peace Dr. Ken Jobst, Simmons College of Ky Councilwoman Mary Woolridge, Dist 3 Dachareon Johnson, Cane Run Elementary Watch Dog Program Tonya Swan, Louisville Free Public Library</p> <p align="center"><u>Facilitation and Minutes</u></p> <p align="center">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 Ashleigh Sammons Corinne Greenberg Richard Jarowski Jana Zigrye ----- Jeff Hamilton Susan Clark Gary Kohler -----</p>	<p align="center"><u>Key Managers</u></p> <p>Guillaume Coiraton Todd Steverson Dan Wharton ----- ----- ----- ----- Sam Striegel Alex Novak -----</p>

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- 6:20 – 6:45 Simmons College of Kentucky - Dr. Ken Jobst, Executive Vice President
- 6:45 – 7:10 Committee Reports
Program Committee, Projects Committee, Membership Committee
- 7:10 – 7:15 Announcements/Adjournment

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. RCAC President Phil Ball read the mission, vision, and ground rules. The December meeting minutes were approved.

Open Mic – Community-Related

Lauren Claypool, Family Resource Counselor, announced that Cane Run Elementary school will no longer have an environmental studies magnet program. She emphasized the importance of the partnerships that the school has formed with Rubbertown companies and that they are still needed. The rationale for the decision to no longer offer the environmental studies magnet program, made by the School-Based Decision Making Council and the school principal, was to focus on academics based on the school's most recent performance tests. The school will continue to have STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) Day.

Martha Gammons announced that the Sons of the American Revolution has CD's and materials available for schools to teach Revolutionary War history. Ask to speak to Colleen Wilson.

Councilwoman Mary Woolridge shared that her granddaughter, Daphne Woolridge, will serve as a princess on the Kentucky Derby Festival Royal Court this year.

Open Mic – Plant-Related

Beverly Jones asked about the public notice for the Lubrizol operating permit that was recently published. Susan Clark explained that the notice is for the renewal of their Clean Air Act Title V operating permit, which is due every five years. Further explanation was provided of the public notice process at the Air Pollution Control District for permit and regulatory actions.

American Synthetic Rubber Company partners with nearby Farnsley Middle School. Guillaume Coiraton, plant manager, shared that they recently started a program with students, in partnership with teachers, to provide incentives for reading. ASRC also got a grant that they used for a project to teach students about electrical power and renewable energy. They are planning a lunch buddy program for plant employees to spend time with the students.

Corinne Greenberg informed the group of an incident that occurred at Carbide Industries on December 27 in which a contractor was burned by an acetylene flash fire. The contractor has been released from the hospital and is recovering. Lake Dreamland Fire Department and Louisville Emergency Services (EMS) responded to the incident.

Corinne Greenberg also reported that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a press release noting that nationwide toxic air releases declined 56% over the 2005-2015 period. Copies of the press release were made available at the meeting.

Corinne Greenberg added that the Louisville Regional Science and Engineering Fair is upcoming for junior and senior high schools in the 52 counties in Western Kentucky. They expect 300-400 students to participate this year. The science fair will be held on Saturday, March 4, at the Kentucky Science Center. They are recruiting judges in any of the science disciplines. She invited everyone to attend.

Todd Steverson shared that Arkema had an internal audit where they discovered missing readings for fugitive emissions. They self-reported the finding.

Simmons College of Kentucky

Dr. Ken Jobst, Executive Vice President

Dr. Jobst gave a brief history of Simmons College of Kentucky, a hidden treasure for the city of Louisville. The private college, established in 1879, was founded as an institute to educate African-Americans following the Civil War. The school is designated as a Historically Black College or University (HBCU) by the Department of Education. Louisville is one of only 30 cities with a private HBCU.

Simmons College experienced its heyday from 1879 until 1930 when, during the Great Depression, all but the theological institute was taken over by the University of Louisville. The new school, a division to serve African-Americans, was called Louisville Municipal College. Simmons College retained the theological school, which was not part of the Municipal College, and moved to 18th Street, where classes were held at the colored orphanage from 1930-1949. Wood Axton, a tobacconist who developed the menthol cigarette, funded a building at 18th and Dumesnil Streets for the college, where it operated from 1949-2007. Dr. Kevin Cosby took over as President of the college in 2005. By 2007, Simmons College was able to move back to its historical location at 7th and Kentucky Streets.

Currently, the college offers degrees in the areas of religious studies, communications, business entrepreneurship, business communication, and general education. Almost 80% of students are first generation college students. Tuition is very low, currently at \$5310 per year. The student-faculty ratio is also very low at 9:1. Approximately 90% of professors possess a terminal degree.

Over the next six years, the college plans new degree offerings in the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) related fields and areas with career prospects in the local area including statistics, logistics & supply chain, quality control, organizational leadership with a very heavy quantitative emphasis, ergonomics, and human factor design. Over that time period, they expect the student population to grow from their current enrollment of 220 to 350 students.

The college has outstanding community partners including the Gheens Foundation, James Graham Foundation and many others. The college is seeking partners, such as Rubbertown companies, who can provide internship opportunities and exposure to different career fields in the community. They would like speakers, adjunct faculty, and other resources and donations. Dr. Jobst also offered tours of the campus.

A question was raised about housing. Simmons has plans to build housing near campus in the future. Currently, out-of-state students are housed at the University of Louisville.

Councilwoman Mary Woolridge asked if the plants would consider student scholarships, such as those that were offered through the RCAC in the past. The group discussed taking that to committee.

Committee Reports

The Program Committee report was given by Corinne Greenberg. The committee brainstormed ideas for programs for 2017 RCAC meetings. A review of RCAC planned programs was given. Corinne invited members to give any additional ideas to the Program Committee.

Jana Zigrye reported that the Projects Committee is working with Trees Louisville and Cindi Sullivan on the tree planting project at Farnsley Middle School. Fourteen trees will be planted as a community project. Other projects planned for this year include the annual neighborhood cleanup, Park DuValle Health Center Fair, LEPC Safety Fair, and the Cane Run/New Birth Backpack drive.

Dow Chemical is sponsoring two programs at Cane Run Elementary. They seeking volunteers during the day on February 10 for the ION Jones electricity program. The second event will be a science expo in March in the evening with parents. Jana Zigrye will reach out to companies to recruit volunteers for these events.

Sam Striegel reported that the Membership Committee made changes to their committee leadership. Jeff Hamilton will serve as the Company Lead and Paul Graf will serve as the Community Lead. Sam Striegel will serve as the committee scribe.

Two new bylaws changes were proposed by the Membership Committee as follows.

Agency Members

Agency members are defined as representatives of groups that are funded and supported by local, state, or federal governments. Agencies are voted in as member, and it is recognized that an agency representative will change from time to time throughout the course of the year and/or delegates may be sent from time to time. For these members the following will apply:

If the agency is represented and meets the qualifications of a member, then they will be eligible for the incentive award after the maximum award has been given to the qualified community members. The distribution of the incentive will be done at the preference of the sitting member at the time of the disbursement of the incentives.

A motion to accept proposed bylaws change regarding agency members was made by Beverly Jones and seconded by Martha Gammons. The motion was approved.

Exiting Companies

1. The existing company shall notify the other member companies of their intent to exit at least 60 days in advance.
2. Because the RCAC depends on the member companies' financial support, the existing company will be expected to fulfill their obligation to the budget for the following RCAC fiscal year if they submit notice after September 30.

A motion to accept the amended proposed language regarding existing companies was made by Martha Gammons and seconded by Gerald Gammons. The motion was approved.

The Membership Committee recommended that Joe Wagner and Jean Zappa be removed from the RCAC membership roster based on lack of attendance at meetings. Although not a member, they are still welcome to attend RCAC meetings. The recommendation was approved.

Announcements

Tonya Swan announced that she brought newsletters from the Louisville Public Library for distribution. The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.