

DIAMOND SHAMROCK COMMUNITY RELATIONS TEAM

MEETING MINUTES

March 6, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m. by Linda Sentinek, Chairperson.

DSCRT members in attendance:

Paul Dugas	Painesville PRP Group
Paul Hach	Painesville Township, Citizen
Chris Hodges	Lake County Dept. of Utilities
Verne Horton	Village of Fairport
Bill Horvath	Painesville City, Citizen
Rita McMahon	Painesville City
Nancy Niehus	Lake County General Health District
Teri Phillips	Ohio EPA
Linda Sentinek	Village of Fairport, Citizen
Frank Svegel	Painesville Township

A. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

The last meeting was held on July 24, 2001. There were no changes to the meeting minutes.

B. Ohio EPA Report

Report presented as part of the draft DSCRT newsletter (see Section D-3).

C. Painesville PRP Group Report

Report presented as part of the draft DSCRT newsletter (see Section D-3).

D. Communications Committee Report

1. Web Page

One of the non-members in attendance pointed out that he didn't think that the March 2001 newsletter was ever posted on the web page. Teri Phillips will have the newsletter added, if necessary.

2. Video

Rita McMahon checked with Deb Remington, Harvey High School, to see if they were still interested in producing a video for the DSCRT. They are still interested and have great footage from last year's sampling. They will hold on to the tape for as long as we need. Ms. Remington suggested that members of DSCRT view the footage prior to writing the script. Ms. Remington is available to film additional activities, if necessary, as well as assist with the grant application

Teri Phillips will obtain a revised application for the Environmental Education Fund grant and distribute to members of the Communications Committee. A Communications Committee conference call will be scheduled to discuss the grant prior to scheduling a meeting with Ms. Remington. If approved for the grant, money would be available in late October 2002.

3. Newsletter

Paul Dugas and Teri Phillips presented draft information to be included in the newsletter, which is scheduled to be mailed in early April 2002. Paul Dugas also presented two versions of a map of Study Area 1B1 (main manufacturing area). Copies of this information has been attached to these minutes. Comments on the newspaper information is due to Teri Phillips and Paul Dugas by Monday, March 11, 2002.

The DSCRT agreed that the time line should be removed from the newsletter, since it was not very functional anymore. Also, Nancy Niehus will work with Paul Dugas to update the mailing list for the newsletter.

E. Community Concerns

None

F. Comments from the Public

Russell Bimber, former chemist for Diamond Shamrock, presented a two page letter to the DSCRT. A copy has been attached to these minutes.

G. Organizational Business

1. Election of Officers

Frank Svegel nominated Linda Sentinek to fill the position of chairperson. Paul Hach seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

Teri Phillips nominated Verne Horton to fill the position of vice-chairperson. Frank Svegel seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

A specified by the DSCRT Bylaws, one of the two Ohio EPA members will serve as secretary.

2. Schedule of Quarterly Meetings

The following dates have been selected for DSCRT meetings: June 5, 2002; September 18, 2002; and January 15, 2003. All meetings are scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. at the Lake County General Health District office in Painesville.

H. Old Business

1. Membership

Rita McMahon and Bill Horvath are currently working to find a replacement for Ken Takacs, Painesville City Citizen representative.

Nancy Niehus suggested that a line be added to all future DSCRT meeting notices which states that members should notify someone on the team if they are NOT planning on attending the next meeting. This suggestion was approved.

I. New Business

1. Introduction of Hemisphere

Jenifer Kwasniewski of Hemisphere Corp. was introduced as the new developer for the Diamond Shamrock Painesville Works Site. Hemisphere Corp. is a brownfields redevelopment company which specializes in development of former industrial properties. They have previously worked on the Colinwood Yards project in Cleveland and are currently working on the Hemisphere Industrial Park project on the east side of Cleveland.

Ms. Kwasniewski explained that Hemisphere Corp. is working with the PRPs, local governments and Ohio EPA on productive reuse of the Diamond Shamrock Site. They are looking at recreational and residential land use for most of the site.

They anticipate residential development (condos and cluster homes) on the lakefront and one of the first properties they will be addressing is the former main manufacturing area (Study Area 1B1). Study Area 7, located south of the Grand River, will be proposed for recreational use. Hemisphere Corp. is currently working with Lake Metroparks to obtain a grant from the Clean Ohio Trails fund for purchase of part of Study Area 7 and a Coastal Management Assistance grant for additional testing of the property. This plan is to use this property as part of the Lake County trails system.

Hemisphere Corp. is also pursuing Clean Ohio Council Brownfields Revitalization Fund monies for Study Areas 1B1, 1B2 (former pump house), and

5B1 (hydroretention basin). They are hoping to obtain funds to remediate these properties to a level safe for residential use, rather than the industrial reuse that would likely be proposed by Ohio EPA.

As part of the application for the Brownfields Revitalization Fund, Hemisphere Corp. is required to hold a public meeting to obtain comments on their proposal. This meeting will be held on May 6, 2002 at the Fairport Village Hall. The time of the meeting will be announced in the near future. Everyone was invited to attend.

Ms. Kwasniewski also mentioned that Hemisphere Corp. is looking at very limited commercial development (i.e. no strip malls), as well as marina facilities, environmentally sensitive golf course and perhaps a winery and trout club.

The DSCRT decided that the date for the Hemisphere Corp. public meeting should be published on the DSCRT web page. Teri Phillips will make sure that this is done.

2. Public Information Session

Based on discussions during the recent Communications Committee conference call, it was suggested that Ohio EPA should hold a public meeting to present the results of the Phase II Remedial Investigation. Teri Phillips will work with Ohio EPA Central Office to set a date for the meeting. The meeting is currently being proposed for the last week of April, 2002.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Teri Phillips
Site Coordinator
Ohio EPA*