

**ROCKY FLATS CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF WORK SESSION**

**June 1, 2000
6 — 9:30 p.m.**

**College Hill Library, Front Range Community College
3705 West 112th Avenue, Westminster, Colorado**

FACILITATOR: Reed Hodgkin

Gerald DePoorter, the Board's chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

BOARD / EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: Ray Betts, Jerry DePoorter, Joe Downey, Jeff Eggleston, Mary Harlow, Victor Holm, Jim Kinsinger, Bill Kossack, Tom Marshall, LeRoy Moore, Markuené Sumler, Bryan Taylor / Steve Gunderson, Jeremy Karpatkin, Joe Legare, Tim Rehder

BOARD / EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: Shawn Burke, Eugene DeMayo, Tom Gallegos, Mary Mattson

PUBLIC / OBSERVERS PRESENT: John Marler (RFCOLG); Roman Kohler (Rocky Flats Homesteaders); Tom Stewart (CDPHE); Doug Young (Mark Udall's office); David Grover (DNFSB); Anna Martinez (DOE-RFFO); Robin Romero (USFWS); John Corsi (Kaiser-Hill); P.J. Timmerman (GAO); Louise Janson (citizen); Ed Moss (citizen); Carl Spreng (CDPHE); Bill and Delores Schierkolk (Arvada citizens) Ken Korkia (CAB staff); Erin Rogers (CAB staff); Susan Wilds (CAB staff)

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ken introduced new CAB staff member Susan Wilds, who was hired by the Board as its Program Specialist. Susan began work in early May.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: No comments were received.

REGULATOR UPDATE — EPA: Tim Rehder with the EPA updated the Board on regulatory issues at Rocky Flats. The issues he covered included the finalization of the Rocky Flats NPDES permit; performance of the solar ponds groundwater treatment system; RFCA Principal's meeting (specifically discussions about RFCA milestones and the earned value system, plans for 903 Pad remediation, interim record of decision, stakeholder involvement in RSAL review, and regulatory flexibility efforts); and the

development of calibration standards for the Shonka radiation survey instrument. The agencies have endorsed a public process for an RSAL review that is open to all interested parties. There would be some general public meetings, as well as a smaller, dedicated study group looking at the issues. DOE will be sending out further information about their plans later this month.

CAB 2001 WORK PLAN PRIORITIZATION: The Board spent some time at this meeting gathering input on its work plan for the next year. Recent surveys sent to Board members, agency personnel, and members of the public asked for issues the Board should address next year. These issues were noted on flipchart pages before the meeting and displayed in the meeting room. Members of the audience were given an opportunity to add issues to the flipcharts. Next, everyone was asked to prioritize the work plan issues using stickers. Those issues given the highest priority were soil action levels; cleanup of the 903 Pad; natural resources management issues; stewardship; and water issues. Other issues that will be listed in work plan include tracking of cleanup progress and waste shipments, closure of the Protected Area, the new Kaiser-Hill baseline, and the Interim Record of Decision. Staff will compile the results of the voting and develop a draft work plan for review at the Board's upcoming retreat. The Board will finalize the work plan and the associated budget at its July 6 meeting.

FUTURE SITE USE PROPOSALS: The Board was joined by Doug Young of Congressman Mark Udall's office and Janice Sinden of Senator Wayne Allard's office for a discussion of legislation developed by each office. Doug Young spoke first about Congressman Udall's Open Space Act, which was introduced in the House of Representatives last June. Since the original bill was introduced, several changes have been made and a revised bill is now being circulated. This bill would permanently designate the entire Rocky Flats buffer zone as open space upon completion of cleanup. The bill also lays out a public process for making land management recommendations. Janice then described Senator Allard's proposed legislation, which would instead designate Rocky Flats as a National Wildlife Refuge under the jurisdiction of the Department of Interior. This bill has not yet been introduced, but has been circulated in the Rocky Flats community for comment. Under both bills, the Rocky Flats site would remain under federal ownership and liability in perpetuity. Both pieces of draft legislation also call for the public to be involved in land use and land management decisions. Both bills are also very explicit that they should not affect the level of cleanup required under existing regulations. The speakers reported that Representative Udall and Senator Allard have directed their staffs to work together to develop joint legislation for submittal to Congress. They also urged the Board and other members of the public to submit comments on this issue so that they have a better sense of what the community would like to see. The Board decided to form a small subcommittee to develop comments on the two drafts, and three Board members volunteered to work on this subcommittee (Tom Marshall, Victor Holm, and Jim Kinsinger). They asked other Board members to submit comments via email and will bring a draft set of comments to the next meeting.

PRESENTATION ON THE ROCK CREEK RESERVE NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN: Representatives from DOE and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service gave a presentation on the status of the Rock Creek Reserve. This area is currently an 800-acre parcel of land in the Rocky Flats buffer zone jointly managed by DOE and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). As part of the Interagency Agreement between DOE and the USFWS that created the Rock Creek Reserve in May of 1999, the USFWS was tasked with providing recommendations for future management of the area as input into an Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan for the Reserve. Among the objectives suggested by the USFWS for the Management Plan are consideration of an expansion of Reserve boundaries; promotion of native species; protection of cultural and historical resources; environmental education and research opportunities; and addressing the possibility of designating the area as a National Wildlife Refuge. DOE will consider these recommendations as it guides the development of the Management Plan. DOE is currently in the process of educating the community on the issues and getting feedback on how to proceed. The public has an opportunity to influence the first draft of the Management Plan if comments are provided by June 15, 2000. Once developed, there will also be a public comment period on the draft Plan prior to it becoming final. As with the Udall/Allard bills, the Board decided to develop comments on this Plan through a small subcommittee and use of email. Board members who will work on this subcommittee are Bill Kossack and Joe Downey.

DISCUSS AGENDA FOR UPCOMING BOARD RETREAT: The Board discussed its upcoming retreat. The agenda will include development of the Board's draft work plan for 2001 and a conversation about Board operations, including the Board's decision-making processes.

NEXT MEETING:

Date: July 6, 6 - 9:30 p.m.

Location: College Hill Library, 3705 West 112th Avenue, Westminster

Agenda: Approval of the 2001 work plan and budget; consideration of comments on future site use proposals and Rock Creek Reserve Plan; update by the site on waste and nuclear materials shipments

ACTION ITEM SUMMARY: ASSIGNED TO:

1. Initiate email discussion; draft comments for Board review on future site use proposals being proposed by Mark Udall and Wayne Allard - Staff, Tom Marshall, Victor Holm, Jim Kinsinger

2. Research and prepare comments on the Rock Creek Reserve Natural Resources Management Plan - Staff, Bill Kossack, Joe Downey L>

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:30 P.M. *

(* Taped transcript of full meeting is available in CAB office.)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Mary Harlow, Secretary
Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board

The Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board is a community advisory group that reviews and provides recommendations on cleanup plans for Rocky Flats, a former nuclear weapons plant outside of Denver, Colorado.

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