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MEETING MINUTES
Restoration Advisory Board
July 18, 1996

Defense Distribution Depot Memphis, Commander's Conference Room

The Restoration Advisory Board Meeting was held on July 18, 1996 at the Defense Depot Memphis, Tennessee (DDMT) in the Commander's Conference Room. The attendance list is attached.

Welcome

Christine Kartman opened the meeting by welcoming the RAB members and members of the community and giving them an overview of the agenda for the meeting.

Old Business

Comments on the Environmental Baseline Survey need to be submitted in by Friday, July 19th. If you have them with you, please hand them in tonight.

Members Attendance

An attendance letter will be sent to James Goines. Larry Smith agreed to check with Willie Mae Willett and tell her that if you send a representative to the meeting please make sure they sign in as your representative, so we can accurately track attendance for the meeting.

New Business

We have some new people with us. They are John DeBack, the new Base Transition Coordinator (BTC) replacing Lt. Col. Aven, Jerry Jones with the Corps of Engineers in Mobile, and Tom Magness with Tetra Tech, Inc. who will be our speaker tonight.

Public Scoping Meeting

The Army will be holding a Public Scoping Meeting on Tuesday, July 23rd regarding the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements for the disposal and reuse of the property as well as interim leasing possibilities that will occur on the base. The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Four Points on Democrat at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to get public input, comments and concerns. These comments are due in by August 6, 1996 to Jerry Jones. We would like RAB members to attend the scoping meeting if possible. The issues discussed will be the impacts on the community; such as utility systems, roadways, etc. and, how the community would like the property to be reused.

Please bring any comments you have to the meeting to ensure that they become part of the public record. We will also submit any comments we have from tonight's meeting to the Corps.

Project Update-National Environmental Policy Act-

Tom Magness - Tetra Tech, Inc.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is a process separate from environmental cleanup that the Depot is doing, however; this closely related to the CERCLA process. In 1969 NEPA was passed stating that transferring government property back to the private sector is a federal action. This full disclosure law says that the public needs to be actively involved in the process of transferring this property and have input on how it will be used in the future. The cleanup process and the plans for redevelopment are disclosed in a document called an Environmental Assessment (EA), which is part of the NEPA process.

There will actually be two EAs done. The Army is going to lease the property to the MDRA, and they are going to try and bring businesses in to create jobs prior to transfer taking place. This is a federal action that requires that an EA be done to look at the environmental effects of leasing the property. The long range plan for finding permanent tenants requires a plan for disposal and reuse for the land, which also requires an EA.

Under the leasing the MDRA is able to do "like" uses. This means the zoning of the property cannot be changed and it must be used for things that are similar in nature. Hazardous materials cannot be involved. However, once the property is transferred different businesses could be developed by the MDRA.

The purpose of a scoping meeting is to solicit community input of concerns. Public involvement is mandated under this full disclosure law. Concerns such as cleanup, reuse, Dunn Field, building demolition, wetlands are what need to be recorded at the scoping meeting for input into the EA. This also gives the Army an opportunity to provide information to the community.

The proposed action is to dispose of the surplus property made available by the closure mandated by the BRAC Commission and the reuse by others of transferred property. A related action is to lease portion of DDMT to assist economic recovery before transfer.

The typical areas for analysis include: land use, air quality, noise, water quality, geology, infrastructure, training areas, hazardous and toxic materials, permits and regulatory authorizations, biological resources and ecosystems, cultural resources, legacy resources, sociological environment, economic

development, quality of life and finally, installation agreements.

In comparing NEPA and CERCLA, we find that on the NEPA side, we disclose to the public through this analysis for the Army the potential environmental effects of leasing, transfer, and subsequent use of the property. On the CERCLA side, the RAB helps the Army and regulatory community come up with the most appropriate remedial measures to protect human health and the environment.

At the scoping meeting this presentation will be made, then there will be a brief recess. When the meeting resumes the Army will take comments from the public. This will be a structured meeting that will have a moderator. There will be a presentation, a break and then comments will be taken in accordance with some ground rules. The speaking procedures include signing up on a roster, speaking at the microphone and identifying yourself, and there will be a 3 minute speaking limit in which to convey your comments. There will be a transcriptionist present who will provide a verbatim record of everything that was said so comments may be incorporated into the document. Written comments may also be provided to Mr. Jerry Jones with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers by August 6, 1996 and they too will be incorporated into the document.

Public Comment Period-

Christine Kartman - Now we will take some questions.

Who will be getting notice of the Public Scoping Meeting? And where is it being publicized?

Mr. Magness: The Depot's complete mailing list will receive notification as well as notices being published in the Tri-State Defender and Commercial Appeal. The meeting is not for providing answers to community questions it is to receive community input and concerns so that these issues may be addressed later. The results of the Scoping Meeting allows the Army to make decisions with all the concerns of the community in mind.

What geographic area are we discussing pertaining to the EA? The installation and the community around it (region of influence).

Mr. Magness: In terms of what is being contemplated by the MDRA we do not have their plan at this time, however; however for instance, we might include in the document what may be planned nearby at the airport for instance. There may be some cumulative impacts as well and they must be addressed in the document as well.

What is the market value of the installation property?

Mr. Magness: There has been no real estate assessment done.

Is there a second public meeting involved?

Mr. Magness: It may be necessary to hold another public meeting in the future.

What determines if an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is done rather than an EA?

Mr. Magness: The significance of the environmental impact determines if an EIS is done. The context that the environmental impact is occurring in, the intensity, the degree of it, is it affecting something that is truly unique these factors will determine the need for an EIS or EA.

Christine Kartman: Thank you Mr. Magness, now I would like to move on and allow these gentlemen to catch their plane.

Next I would like to discuss a seminar that might be useful for some of you to attend. There is a ground water seminar being put on by the University of Memphis. It is for nontechnical individuals, and it's free. They do have a limited registration of 50 people. If you are interested please contact the University and get on the list.

We would like to get any questions you may have for the DERTF meeting. Please bring them with you to the August RAB meeting so they can be sent in. We may take a bus trip down to the community club where the September meeting will be held and to get any suggestions you may have for the meeting.

The next RAB meeting will be held on August 15th at 6:00 p.m. in the Commander's Conference Room at the Depot.

Restoration Advisory Board Members

Ms. Christine Kartman	Defense Depot Memphis
Mr. Larry Smith	Mid-South Peace and Justice Cent (Community Co-Chair)
Mr. John Garrison	Citizen Representative
Ms. Johnnie Mae Peters	Citizen Representative
Mr. Eugene Brayon	Citizen Representative
Mr. Carter Gray	Memphis/Shelby County Health Department (MSCHD)
Mr. Dann Spariosu	EPA
Ms. Elizabeth Young	Citizen Representative
Mr. Mondell Williams	Citizen Representative
Mr. Jordan English	TDEC
Mr. Dave Bond	Citizen Representative
Mr. Cleo Kirk	Citizen Representative
Mr. Kevin Clay	Citizen Representative
Ms. Veronica Smith	Citizen Representative

Others in Attendance

Ms. Sue Estes	ME3, L.L.C.
Mr. Ellis Pope	Corps of Engineers Mobile
Mr. Jerry Jones	Corps of Engineers Mobile
Mr. Tom Magness	Tetra Tech, Inc.
Mr. John DeBack	DDMT-Base Transition Coordinator
Ms. Denise Cooper	DDMT
Ms. Ursula Jones	DDMT
Mr. John Martin	Woodward-Clyde, Inc.
Ms. Betty Mills	Citizen
Ms. Cindy Buchanan	MDRA
Mr. Russell Ray Anderson	Citizen
Mr. Gene Burr	MDRA
Ms. Patricia Boggan	Toles, Inc.

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