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## MEETING MINUTES

### Restoration Advisory Board

September 17, 1998

The Memphis Depot, Memphis, TN  
Conference Room

The Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting was held on September 17, 1998 at The Memphis Depot, Memphis, Tennessee (DDMT) in the Conference Room. The attendance list is attached.

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

1 MR. WILLIAMS: First of all, I would like to welcome everybody to the September  
2 meeting. I would like to express my appreciation to everyone for  
3 coming out, even the present employees and past employees of the  
4 Depot. I would like to welcome you all, and I appreciate your  
5 participation and interest in the meeting tonight.

### 6 OLD BUSINESS

7 There is one thing I want to talk about real quickly, and we can  
8 move on. We were talking about filling some RAB seats tonight,  
9 but, what has happened, and I guess it is a technical thing, what has  
10 happened is that all the applications that we have on file right now  
11 are over six months old. So, I have asked our Information  
12 Coordinator to send out applications to the people who have  
13 applied for a position on the RAB to see if they are still interested  
14 in being a part of the RAB.

15 And we will, after doing that, we will receive all applications back  
16 in, probably by the 30<sup>th</sup> of October. And it probably will not be  
17 voted on until the first of January to be filled. So, that is one thing

1 I wanted to make sure that we got out of the way, since the first  
2 thing on the agenda is to talk about the voting.

3 MR. PHILLIPS: My name is Shawn Phillips. Let me make an administrative  
4 announcement first. Again, if everyone could state your name  
5 before they speak for the minutes recorder. I appreciate that.  
6 Thank you.

7 MR. WILLIAMS: At the last meeting, people from the community, people were  
8 complaining about the dust and everything from Dunn Field. So,  
9 what we have done is gone out to see if we can find a minority  
10 contractor to come in and put a road in and to put sod down to  
11 eliminate a lot of the dust and debris that is flying around. I hope  
12 that that satisfies the residents. And, if they are not satisfied, please  
13 come back to the meeting and let us know what is going on and to  
14 see how we might solve that problem at the same time.

15 MR. PHILLIPS: Before we go on, last month, Councilperson Hooks brought this to  
16 the attention of the table. I told her that before a week after the last  
17 RAB, we would have the grass mowed. I just wanted to report  
18 back that that was done by the Tuesday of the following week. So,  
19 I just wanted to close that out.

20 MR. WILLIAMS: There is another thing I wanted to bring up. We had another  
21 person resign from the RAB, which was Karen Blanks McGlown. I  
22 think I pronounced that right. I was trying to get somebody to help  
23 me pronounce the last name. But, anyway, she resigned. So, I  
24 think we have two community seats. Two community, or one?

25 MS. MOORE: Well, it is not exactly like that. The RAB has to decide. We are  
26 going to do that after we finish the old business.

1 MR. PHILLIPS:

2 One more thing of old business. Actually, I have two last things of  
3 old business. We have a correction to the July minutes. This was a  
4 correction to something Mr. Jordan English said. It is on the page  
5 that has a cover sheet like this. The correction is on page 32, line  
6 19 and 20. The statement that Mr. English said should have read:  
7 "Dann, I think you need to clarify that we think there is a  
8 connection between the fluvial aquifer and the cockfield formation."  
9 Okay, Jordan English wanted to make sure we got that right from  
10 the July minutes. Apparently, we still didn't make the correction  
11 correctly.

12 So, second order of old business is the RAB Charter. We've got  
13 everyone's signature on that. We have approved RAB Charters, 19  
14 copies of it here, to hand out to the RAB members. If we could  
15 circulate this, I would appreciate it. That is the last old business I  
have, Mondell.

16 **COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION**

17 MR. WILLIAMS:

18 I just wanted to make sure that everybody was informed about the  
19 Community Information Session that will be Saturday, the 19<sup>th</sup>.  
20 And I was hoping that we could get the participation of everyone.  
21 And, if the RAB could volunteer some time to help out, or to be  
22 there, it would be most appreciated. And, if you could get the  
information out to your community still.

23 We sent out news releases. We sent out letters to churches and to  
24 the schools trying to make sure that everyone is informed on what  
25 is going on within the meeting, with this Community Information  
26 Session. So, that is about it on that.

## 1 MEMBERSHIP VOTE

2 MR. PHILLIPS: The new business, the first thing that we had, Mondell started to  
3 mention that we did have a resignation last month. We also talked  
4 about the Depot Redevelopment Corporation last month, the  
5 organization in which the director is Mr. Jimmy Covington. From  
6 our last meeting, we decided to continue our discussion about  
7 opening up the RAB and adding them to the board, possibly, as a  
8 non-voting member. Is the RAB in favor of creating that non-  
9 voting seat for the reuse authority, which is the Depot  
10 Redevelopment Corporation? Is there anyone willing to make a  
11 discussion or a motion for that?

12 MR. WILLIAMS: Well, I think that I brought that discussion up last month. I think it  
13 is very important that we do have a member of the Redevelopment  
14 Company on this board here to keep us informed of what is going  
15 on. Although we are an environmental organization, most things  
16 that come up are always about what's going on with the Depot and  
17 who was going to be moving here. So, I guess, with a member of  
18 the redevelopment corporation sitting on it, all the information  
19 would be here for us. And whoever sits in the seat can provide that  
20 information to the people.

21 MS. PETERS: Are you ready for a motion?

22 MR. BRAYON: Isn't Mr. Truitt on that committee?

23 MR. TRUITT: No, not the Redevelopment Corporation.

24 MR. WILLIAMS: What was the other one you were on, Mr. Truitt?

1 MR. TRUITT: The Joint City/County Re-Utilization Board. But I have a question.  
2 Why the stipulation that that member would be a non-voting  
3 member?

4 MR. PHILLIPS: Let me go to the approved Charter. This is on page 3. I was going  
5 to bring this up when we got to the citizen members, the vacancies  
6 that are there. But I think it is appropriate for me to read it here.  
7 RAB members will vote, when necessary, as follows: "All RAB  
8 members, except federal and state government members shall  
9 receive—"

10 MR. TRUITT: Okay. If I am in order, I will move that a representative from the  
11 Redevelopment Corporation become a non-voting member of the  
12 board?

13 MS. PETERS: Second the motion.

14 MR. WILLIAMS: All in favor, show your hands. Any opposed?

15 MR. PHILLIPS: I think that passes.

16 MR. BALLARD: The motion carries.

17 MR. PHILLIPS: Okay, the second— actually the DRC was the first position. The  
18 second position is the one regarding Karen Blanks McGlown.  
19 Karen Blanks McGlown resigned last month. That left a citizen  
20 seat on the RAB open. We have two options to consider. Option  
21 A—we can advertise this position as being open in the newspapers,  
22 and, of course, inform any of those who have submitted  
23 applications in the past that we still have a copy of the application.

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25 Some of the applications on file were mailed to the RAB. We  
26 could have the cutoff for applications in November, and, hopefully,

1 be voting on that new representative in January when we get back  
2 after the holidays. We could send a letter to community leaders,  
3 like the leaders of block club organizations, and ask them if anyone  
4 from their neighborhood associations would be interested in  
5 submitting applications.

6  
7 We could advertise in the next Depot environmental newsletter, the  
8 EnviroNews, that we put out. The second option——Option B we  
9 could do, we could vote in October on the applications that we  
10 currently have on file. We have to verify that those applicants are  
11 still interested. But, technically, back in January of '98, the RAB  
12 voted to only keep applications on file for six months. So, those  
13 have expired.

14 MR. WILLIAMS:

15 If I can, I would like to move that—I can't make the motion since I  
16 sit up here. But I would like to suggest that we discard all  
17 applications that we have, because we have some applications that  
18 have been on file quite awhile. And it would be wrong to go  
19 through all of those applications. And, then, we have people that  
20 have recently applied, but it is still over six months old. So, I  
21 would like for the interested people to reapply.

22 And, then, I would like for the RAB board to move a lot faster on  
23 filling the position. And, when the applications come back in, that  
24 we stamp these applications of the date received so that we can  
25 keep a close eye and monitor the applications that we receive.

26 MS. PETERS:

27 Every one they mailed me has got a date on it, whether they applied  
28 in '96, '97. They've got dates on them.

MR. WILLIAMS:

Not all of mine do.

- 1 MR. CLAY: I have just another question about the positions that are open. I am  
2 speaking of Mr. Goines' position. Did he officially resign? Did we  
3 find out anything about that? If we are going to be adding, I think  
4 we should add all at the same time.
- 5 MR. PHILLIPS: There are two vacancies to maintain the RAB membership at 20.  
6 One vacancy is the third one we're going to talk about. We haven't  
7 started that conversation yet. That is on the environmental  
8 position. The second vacancy was a citizen position that was  
9 resigned last month. And, now, we are talking about a 21<sup>st</sup>  
10 position, which is non-voting, for the Depot Redevelopment  
11 Corporation. That is what is on the table here.
- 12  
13 And right now we're on the seat—the discussion is the seat that  
14 was vacated last month by Ms. McGlown. And the discussion at  
15 hand, what the decision the RAB needs to make is, do we have  
16 Alma and our staff advertise for new people interested? Because, I  
17 tell you, in the last six months, we have had a considerable new  
18 following start coming out. I mean, Stanley, who has worked with  
19 us some now. I think he is interested.
- 20 MR. WILLIAMS: Let me get this hand.
- 21 MS. GRAY: May I make a suggestion that maybe Alma call the people whose  
22 resumes are too old, let them know what the process is, because  
23 some of them might not understand that after six months that you  
24 purge the files.
- 25 MR. WILLIAMS: I totally agree.
- 26 MR. PHILLIPS: Well, it is up to the RAB, but we suggest that.
- 27 MR. BALLARD: I would also suggest that if their resumes haven't changed, and they  
28 want them to still be considered, why not they just say I would like



- 1 my resume to still be considered. Then, you can date-stamp it the  
 2 day of the phone conversation.
- 3 MR. WILLIAMS: Well, that might—well, we will do the right thing. I think that  
 4 he—
- 5 MS. YOUNG: I don't see anything wrong with that, if nothing has changed.
- 6 MR. BALLARD: If they say I am not going to change anything—
- 7 MS. YOUNG: If their performance is the same, it hasn't changed.
- 8 MR. WILLIAMS: Is that all right?
- 9 MR. TRUITT: Yes. You are going to allow—you will still advertise and allow  
 10 others?
- 11 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes.
- 12 MR. PHILLIPS: I will make just an off-the-cuff remark. I think since Alma has been  
 13 involved, I think we will see a lot more applications this time  
 14 around.
- 15 MR. TRUITT: I think so too.
- 16 MR. PHILLIPS: And also since the Depot is closed, we will see a lot of applications.
- 17 MR. WILLIAMS: Look, we would like to open the table up to the RAB for a few  
 18 moments to discuss a big issue here, and that is, what consists of an  
 19 environmental organization, because I really don't understand, but  
 20 we really need to get some concrete information on that so we  
 21 won't have to cross this again.
- 22 MS. PETERS: Are you saying in our communities, what we consider an  
 23 environmental organization is that we try to be informed about  
 24 every plant that is in our community, what kind of chemicals it is  
 25 throwing off, and we know when the health department charges  
 26 these companies because they are not in compliance with the rules,  
 27 and like that. We are concerned that too many chemicals don't  
 28 need to be in our community, because we are not getting, breathing  
 29 fresh air. So, now, that is what I think one would be, of people

1 who are really organizations that are seeking information on what is  
2 being put in our community and what is in our community.

3 MR. PHILLIPS:

In January, this RAB decided to wait on filling that position that  
4 opened after Larry Smith left. I think you are exactly right. I think  
5 that the RAB cannot fill that position until the RAB comes to an  
6 agreement, among themselves, of what that position is and define  
7 that position, what qualifications do we need in that position.

8 MS. PETERS:

See, I am a part of Peace and Justice, but I didn't get on the RAB  
9 because I was a part of Peace and Justice.

10 MR. PHILLIPS:

We came up with two options to begin trying to answer this  
11 question. The first one: We could form a subcommittee from  
12 members of this board to work through the next month to come up  
13 with a definition, two or three people that could call the other  
14 citizen members of the RAB and ask them what qualifications or  
15 what they define as an environmental group. That would allow us  
16 to come back and solicit applications next month and vote for that  
17 position, too, in January.

18  
19 Alternately, the RAB could just say, hey, defining what an  
20 environmental group is just too difficult. Let's make that other seat  
21 another citizen seat, in general. And, that way, it would be open to  
22 anybody. But that is a decision the RAB has to decide on. Do they  
23 want to try to tackle what an environmental group is?

24 MR. WILLIAMS:

Well, I would like to make a suggestion. I don't think I can tackle  
25 what defines an environmental group, but I know that I would like  
26 to see a grass roots organization. I would like to see one that is  
27 very informative about environmental issues that faces the  
28 community.

1 I would like to see one that goes to sessions and conferences and  
2 brings back information and makes sure that the community is very  
3 much aware of what is going on. I would like to see somebody  
4 with a vested interest in the community. I would like to see  
5 somebody that doesn't mind going against the grain to stand up for  
6 what they feel is right. I don't know.  
7

8 A lot of times we look for certain things in organizations, but I  
9 think that the people that fight the hardest are the people who have  
10 the most vested interest in what is going on. And I hope that the  
11 organization that we choose is somewhere within the community  
12 that is handling the environmental problems at hand.

13 MR. PHILLIPS:

14 Does the RAB have an opinion that we should try to define what an  
15 environmental group is and go for that, or, should we open it up as  
a citizen at-large seat?

16 MR. TRUITT:

17 Let me make a recommendation here. And there might be some  
18 people in here who might get offended. But, the fact of the matter  
19 is, Mid-South Peace and Justice was not just an environmentally-  
20 oriented or technologically knowledgeable organization. They  
21 basically evolved to fight what is considered to be environmental  
22 issues to them.

23 And I want to make that perfectly clear, because the issues that  
24 they posed were the issues that received the attention of the news  
25 media. Not one time did you hear them raising hell about the  
26 Hollywood Dump, or some of the other areas, these automobile  
27 reclamation areas in this city where they open the tanks of the cars  
28 and oils on the ground.

1 They only fought, you know, something that would grab some  
2 attention for them. So, I think when you sit down and say that—or  
3 members of this committee sit and say—well, we want somebody  
4 that is environmentally oriented, you know, you open up a bag of  
5 worms. I think we ought to get somebody to fill that position that,  
6 now, if you are going to define it, they ought to be technologically  
7 knowledgeable of the environmental threats to the community.

8 MS. PETERS: Could I speak on that issue, because what he is saying is not  
9 necessarily so about the Peace and Justice, because Peace and  
10 Justice can tell you every place in Memphis that throws off  
11 chemicals. They've got it on computers and on records. Anybody  
12 that needs any information on anything in this city can get it from  
13 Peace and Justice, because I served on that board.

14 MR. WILLIAMS: Just so we can keep order—

15 MS. PETERS: I am just giving you a point of information because I served on the  
16 board.

17 MR. WILLIAMS: We didn't mind your statement. It is just that Kevin was the next  
18 one in line. We were going to recognize you.

19 MR. CLAY: That is fine. I am willing to wait on you.

20 MR. WILLIAMS: Are you through?

21 MS. PETERS: Yes, because it doesn't matter

22 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes, it does. It does matter. That is the reason we are discussing  
23 it.

24 MR. PHILLIPS: Kevin, before you speak, let me mention something. What Mondell  
25 and Ulysses, what you guys have started into is actually the  
26 definition of what an environmental group is. I think the RAB  
27 needs to decide whether you are going to go that route or if you are  
28 going to open it up to a citizen at-large first. Kevin Clay?

- 1 MR. CLAY: I would like to say that I agree with what you said, Mondell, and I  
2 agree with what Mr. Truitt just said. Obviously, we are not going  
3 to get anybody from Greenpeace, or Act-Up, or anybody, to join  
4 our board.
- 5 MR. WILLIAMS: Sierra.
- 6 MR. CLAY: Sierra, they are not interested. But I do think the description that  
7 you laid out and the information Mr. Truitt just said is a good basis  
8 for forming a definition for the board to determine who or what is  
9 an environmental group. With all that said, I would like to suggest  
10 or propose that we form a subcommittee so that we can come to  
11 some agreement as to what is going to be acceptable for an  
12 environmental group.
- 13 MR. WILLIAMS: Do you think you would like to do that, Kevin, be over this  
14 subcommittee?
- 15 MR. CLAY: I would like to serve on it. If three or four other people want to  
16 serve on it, and make me chairman, that is fine.
- 17 MR. PHILLIPS: If this is the route the RAB takes to try to get a handle on what the  
18 environmental position defines, or what the qualifications that it  
19 should have, every citizen member of the RAB should be contacted  
20 in the next 30 days to get a feel for that.
- 21 MS. PETERS: May I ask a question?
- 22 MR. PHILLIPS: Yes, ma'am.
- 23 MS. PETERS: How many organizations does anybody in here know that is within  
24 this area that has an organization that meets the criteria of what you  
25 are talking about? Are there any? Because the ones he called out  
26 aren't even interested in us.
- 27 MR. WILLIAMS: True.
- 28 MS. PETERS: Now, what about the local community?

- 1 MR. TRUITT: Ms. Bradshaw's organization meets the definition of what we just  
2 discussed. Let's be honest, if we are going to look at it.
- 3 MR. PHILLIPS: I was just informed how many we sent out last year when we sent  
4 out to environmental groups. We sent out to seven Memphis  
5 organizations. We got a response from one. That was the CCC.  
6 Just for the record, that was the response we got from seven  
7 organizations. To this subcommittee, if this subcommittee would  
8 wish—well, now, the subcommittee needs to define what the  
9 environmental group is. But, I am sure—do we have the list of  
10 seven?
- 11 MR. FLYNN: We could pull that.
- 12 MR. PHILLIPS: We could probably pull that and supply that to either the board next  
13 month or the subcommittee.
- 14 MR. FLYNN: We will give it to the subcommittee.
- 15 MR. PHILLIPS: First of all, let's take it like this. Go ahead, before we make this  
16 motion.
- 17 MR. BRAYON: There is an easy solution to this. I think Ms. Bradshaw is interested  
18 in joining the committee. I concur that she is about as influential in  
19 the environmental sector as anybody at this table, and her influence  
20 and connections are far-flown over the nation, more so than a lot of  
21 you people know or realize. I think we could kill two birds with  
22 one stone by, if she submits her name—
- 23 MS. PETERS: She's already got her application in.
- 24 MR. BRAYON: As an environmentalist?
- 25 MS. PETERS: You read the records. You'll see. They mailed it to you.
- 26 MR. BRAYON: I thought I had the floor.
- 27 MR. WILLIAMS: We won't get into that. We will just direct that to the front.
- 28 MR. BRAYON: The point is, I would look favorably in that she be considered. And  
29 I think that the subcommittee is not really necessary.

- 1 MR. WILLIAMS: Well, I agree. Now, I can look at it like this now. Ms. Bradshaw's  
2 application was the last one received. And since that point, we  
3 have not received anymore. So, during the time when she applied,  
4 I think in January—  
5 MR. FLYNN: December 15<sup>th</sup>, December 15<sup>th</sup> of last year.  
6 MR. WILLIAMS: Okay, so, that was the last one received. I have no problem. It has  
7 been going around the table here that we should make a motion to  
8 fill the seat. I am wondering which seat should be filled. Should it  
9 be the environmental seat or the community seat?  
10 MR. BALLARD: What is the impact choosing one or the other? If she is on the  
11 board, she is on the board. She is a voting member.  
12 MR. GRAY: No, the environmental position would not be a voting position.  
13 MR. FLYNN: Yes, it is. It is a community member, but designated as  
14 representing an environmental advocacy interest.  
15 MR. PHILLIPS: There are four non-voting members of the RAB. I didn't read that  
16 second sentence, but it spells it out. The DLA, which is me, the  
17 EPA, which is Turpin Ballard, and the TDEC, which is Jordan  
18 English, members shall serve in a non-voting capacity. Tonight we  
19 voted to add the DRC.  
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21 There was some confusion in my mind over this about three RABs  
22 ago about Dr. Cleo Kirk, because he was a governmental official. I  
23 am sorry, the RAB Charter says he can vote. Everyone, except  
24 EPA, TDEC, the DLA representative, and, now, the Depot  
25 Redevelopment Corporation, we're the only non-voting members.  
26 So, everyone else on the board can vote.  
27 MR. WILLIAMS: So, I would like for someone to open up a motion or a suggestion  
28 about what we need to do about filling the seat. Do we  
29 need to fill the seat—Ms. Peters?

- 1 MS. PETERS: As we have gone on to say, Ms. Bradshaw's organization is eligible  
2 to be called. There is no point in having a study. That is what this  
3 city does all the time, study. So, just put her on the board as a  
4 person familiar with it. You wouldn't find nobody no better that is  
5 going to take up as much time as she takes.
- 6 MR. CLAY: I second the motion.
- 7 MR. PHILLIPS: What we will do is secret ballots, concealed ballots.
- 8 MR. TRUITT: You don't need a secret ballot.
- 9 MS. GRAY: We need to follow the Charter. Ask her, since her application is  
10 over six months old, contact her, ask her.
- 11 MS. PETERS: Ms. Bradshaw is sitting right there.
- 12 MS. GRAY: Well, we need to go ahead in that way.
- 13 MR. WILLIAMS: Like we formally started out to contact her.
- 14 MS. GRAY: Right. And that way everything is straight.
- 15 MS. MOORE: Ms. Bradshaw, as community relations person for the  
16 environmental division, are you still interested in joining our  
17 Restoration Advisory Board?
- 18 MS. BRADSHAW: Yes.
- 19 MS. MOORE: So, she is still interested.
- 20 MR. WILLIAMS: I would like to make a motion for the voting.
- 21 MS. PETERS: Are you ready for a motion?
- 22 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes.
- 23 MS. PETERS: I move that we accept Ms. Bradshaw—
- 24 MR. WILLIAMS: No, no. You have got to make a motion on the vote.
- 25 MS. PETERS: I don't know what you are doing then.
- 26 MR. WILLIAMS: We just got to make the motion to vote on accepting her as a  
27 member of the RAB.
- 28 MS. PETERS: I move that we accept whatever you want to do.
- 29 MR. WILLIAMS: All in favor?



- 1 MR. TRUITT: I thought he said all in favor.
- 2 MR. WILLIAMS: Okay, all in favor of— what organization is it?
- 3 MR. FLYNN: DDMT-CCC.
- 4 MR. WILLIAMS: To be a part of this board, can I get a show of hands? So, will
- 5 somebody count the hands. The ones in favor, keep your hands up.
- 6 The ones not, put them down.
- 7 MS. PETERS: What are you saying now, Mondell?
- 8 MR. WILLIAMS: We are voting now.
- 9 MR. PHILLIPS: Those opposed?
- 10 MS. MOORE: You have to have how many members voted.
- 11 MS. YOUNG: These hands are for.
- 12 MS. MOORE: That is nine.
- 13 MR. WILLIAMS: Any opposed? Okay, one opposed. Any abstentions? One, two.
- 14 MR. PHILLIPS: That comes up with a total of 12. We have 12 voting members
- 15 tonight.
- 16 MR. WILLIAMS: So, Ms. Bradshaw, come the first of January, you will be filling the
- 17 RAB seat.
- 18 MS. MOORE: Welcome, Ms. Bradshaw. If we want to have the voting open to
- 19 the public, we need to make a public announcement. But, since the
- 20 RAB has so voted just then, you may have a seat.
- 21 MS. PETERS: It is time for you to take your seat, ma'am.
- 22 MS. MOORE: We would like to welcome you to our RAB.
- 23 MR. PHILLIPS: That still leaves on the floor, we still need to make our notices to
- 24 refresh the applications. Well, we need to call the people who we
- 25 have applications from, Alma, and we need to open it up for that
- 26 20<sup>th</sup> seat, the other citizen seat. So, we will do that. We will get
- 27 out those applications to all the members of the board. What was
- 28 the date, beginning of November, end of October?
- 9 MR. FLYNN: October 31<sup>st</sup> is the cutoff.

- 1 MS. MOORE: The media blitz.
- 2 MR. PHILLIPS: October 31<sup>st</sup> is the cutoff for people giving us applications. We will
- 3 media blitz from now until then. By the way, we do have a copy of
- 4 the application here.
- 5 MS. PETERS: May I ask a question?
- 6 MR. PHILLIPS: Yes, ma'am.
- 7 MS. PETERS: Why is it necessary to do all that if you are just going to get one
- 8 more person?
- 9 MR. PHILLIPS: I will tell you why. There is a very good answer to this. Within the
- 10 last three or four months, especially—within the last year, but
- 11 especially within the last three or four months, since Alma Black
- 12 Moore has been part of our team here, we, at the Depot, have seen
- 13 a lot more phone calls. We have seen a lot more interest from
- 14 people we have never heard from before.
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- 16 And, I just think, if we advertise this, we are going to get a
- 17 landslide of applicants. And I think the board is going to pick the
- 18 best person. If you have a bigger body to pick from, you are going
- 19 to pick someone. Maybe the board could vote on asking the folks
- 20 here, you know, cut it down to a finalist list, and ask them here, and
- 21 ask them their opinions or their interest in the environment. The
- 22 board can do anything like that the board votes on.
- 23 MS. PETERS: I just asked a question.
- 24 MR. PHILLIPS: But we do need to open it up, I think. We have applications
- 25 hanging out there from '95.
- 26 MR. WILLIAMS: When will the redevelopment member take his seat on the RAB?
- 27 MR. PHILLIPS: Now. Mr. Burr?
- 28 MR. BURR: We are available at any time you want us.
- 29 MR. PHILLIPS: Well, we voted on it. Where are we on the agenda, Mondell?

1 MR. WILLIAMS: Tonight, when we leave here at 7:30 p.m., tonight at 8:30 p.m., on  
 2 WEVL-FM 90, the RAB Co-chairs will be on the radio discussing  
 3 the activities and things going on at the RAB meetings. So, it will  
 4 be coming on tonight at 8:30 p.m. on FM 90. I think that is 85 on  
 5 the radio.

6 MR. PHILLIPS: 89.9.

7 MR. WILLIAMS: 89.9 on the radio at 8:30 p.m. tonight. So, please tune in to know  
 8 what is going on.

9 MS. MOORE: So, that is at 8:30 p.m. So, when you leave and you get home,  
 10 make sure you tape it. And tell a friend to tell a friend. I am very  
 11 proud of Shawn and Mondell. We taped it Monday, and we  
 12 discussed the purpose of the RAB, as well as our upcoming  
 13 Community Information Session this Saturday at Corry Junior High  
 14 school.

15 MR. WILLIAMS: Then, don't forget, we said this before, on Channel 18, on  
 16 October—

17 MS. MOORE: Throughout the month of October.

18 MR. WILLIAMS: Oh, through October, on Mondays and Fridays, at 2:30 p.m., and at  
 19 4:30 p.m., they will be airing a tape that Shawn, Alma and I—do  
 20 you have it?

21 MS. MOORE: We are going to show it for a few minutes.

22 MR. PHILLIPS: I got it cued up at the intro. This is a show hosted by Vernua  
 23 Hanrahan.

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25 (Whereupon, a few minutes of the videotape of the Center for Neighborhoods  
 26 Television Show featuring, Shawn Phillips, Mondell Williams and Alma Black  
 27 Moore was shown).

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29 MS. MOORE: It is on throughout—did you say Tuesdays? Read the times.

1 MR. WILLIAMS:

It is Mondays and Fridays at 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

2 MS. MOORE:

2:30 p.m. on Mondays and 4:30 p.m. on Fridays on the Library  
3 Channel 18. It is listed in your program as the Center for  
4 Neighborhoods Program.

5 MR. PHILLIPS:

I got a couple of—well, I have got one smaller issue here before I  
6 get into the TAPP Subcommittee. I want to mention, I believe I  
7 saw him come in, Mr. Tyler, Stanley Tyler. We want to thank you  
8 for coming to our Web, our World Wide Web, our Internet  
9 meeting. And I would like to point out, Mr. Tyler helped us out  
10 quite a bit. He had done a lot of research. It is obvious that he is a  
11 person who is well versed on the Internet.  
12

13

But, we are underway with constructing a website for the Depot. It  
14 is not completed yet. But it is—and you might want to write this  
15 down if you don't have this in the package anywhere. It is  
16 [www.thememphisdepot.com](http://www.thememphisdepot.com). If you go to it, you can go to it  
17 tonight. It is there. You will see our name up at the top. It will  
18 say this site is under construction. I think it will be coming up a  
19 little bit at a time, but we are looking to be done in January.

20 MS. MOORE:

We started out with a committee, and Mr. Tyler is on the  
21 committee. I asked him to be on the committee. So, he met with  
22 us. And I would like to specifically thank him for taking a half day  
23 off his job to come and meet with us. We had a brainstorming  
24 session, just took pieces of paper, and we decided what we wanted.  
25 That was one of the projects that I suggested when I first started  
26 here. And I would like to add that we have a minority contractor,  
27 which is Mid-South On-Line, Mr. Phil Turner. He has done an  
28 excellent job. That will be our provider, Mid-South On-Line.

1 MR. PHILLIPS: We are on the second item on the agenda now, TAPP  
2 Subcommittee.

3 MS. MOORE: Wait a minute. You forgot the schools.  
4

5 **TAPP SUBCOMMITTEE**

6 MR. PHILLIPS: No, that is Community Information Session. That is next. The  
7 TAPP subcommittee. Last month, Mr. Mike Dobbs from my  
8 headquarters was here to give us all the knowledge about the  
9 Technical Assistance—I don't remember what the first P is for—  
10 Program. Just to let you know, if the RAB is interested in doing  
11 that, I would suggest that, maybe like we did with the Charter, we  
12 get a subgroup together to work with me to fill out an application  
13 for the TAPP grant. I think I have a copy of that application here.  
14 But this timing is starting to get fairly critical to us.

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16 We need to get that application in to my headquarters soon after  
17 the end of this month, you know, definitely by the October RAB, or  
18 by the end of the month of October. We need to get this in,  
19 because the fiscal year starts on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

20 MR. CLAY: Shawn, is this something that the board can just ask you to do?

21 MR. PHILLIPS: Actually, no. The board needs, as when presented last month—I  
22 don't know if you saw the presentation or not—the board needs to  
23 decide what kind of services they would need. Do they need a  
24 consultant to look at environmental data that our program produces  
25 and interpret it for the board? Would the board like—I will have to  
26 go back and look at the TAPP guidelines, but I think it can be used,  
27 the funding can be used—to hire someone who can come in, and  
28 there is no other way to put this, educate the RAB on issues? The  
29 board can have this person do peer review of our documents.

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2 But the RAB needs to figure out what its needs and requirements  
3 are. And I will work with you to figure out if that is covered under  
4 that TAPP program. Plus, I will do the field—the manual labor of  
5 filling in the application. I mean, it is contractual language.  
6 MS. YOUNG: Would this be similar to getting technical assistance to help us?  
7 MR. PHILLIPS: Yes.  
8 MS. YOUNG: Okay.  
9 MR. CLAY: If we were to determine what we wanted the TAPP grant for, you  
10 can do the other part, the paperwork?  
11 MR. PHILLIPS: I can check and make sure if that is allowable under the grant. I tell  
12 you, it is not a blank check. There are restrictions for how this  
13 money is spent. But, as long as it is reasonable and whatever  
14 those—if it is a subcommittee, or whether it is the whole RAB, if  
15 you get your thoughts together, I will work through the guidance,  
16 and with you, with whoever the subcommittee is, to see if it is  
17 allowable. Then, I will be the stenographer who fills out the  
18 application. But, the folks who know what the RAB needs, they  
19 need to tell me what to fill out. So, I will assist, but it is a RAB  
20 decision.  
21 MS. BRADSHAW: Shawn, I think it would be a good idea if you put out the  
22 information of what it can be used for and what it can't be used for.  
23 And, that way, we can make a better decision on what we need it  
24 for.  
25 MR. PHILLIPS: Was that done last month? I think he covered what it was eligible  
26 for. I will go to that gentleman, Mr. Dobbs, and I will ask him. We  
27 probably have his slides here. Could we get the slides before the  
28 end?  
29 MR. FLYNN: His presentation is in the minutes.

1 MS. PETERS:

May I say something? I would like to say, I think you could get a committee of three people, because we discussed this last month, and come up with a suggestion and maybe—because all of us here in one group might not make the best decision. But, if we had a committee, they could bring back something that would help us. What about that?

7 MR. PHILLIPS:

It is the RAB's choice.

8 MR. CLAY:

Aren't we under some sort of time constraints, though, that we need to make a decision before the next meeting?

10 MR. PHILLIPS:

Here are your time constraints. We, typically, as a RAB, take off the two holiday months, November and December. From October 1<sup>st</sup> to the end of the calendar year, December 31<sup>st</sup>, that is the first quarter of the fiscal year.

15 I would like to have the application in to my headquarters to fence off that funding and capture that funding by the end of the first quarter. The RAB just needs to have decisions made by the, or during the, next RAB meeting. We can work with this subcommittee after next month's RAB, from then, until the end of the calendar year. I just do not want the RAB to not move on this, and we lose—you know, we're still talking about in January. That is what I want to avoid.

24 Ms. Bradshaw, this is from Mr. Dobbs' presentation last month. "Like everything else, when we pass things, there are eligible projects and ineligible. These are the type of things that say that projects are eligible for." Hold on just a second for this. This is not really useful without the hard copy slides. "If you needed to review a proposed technical action that the group needed to have

1 some interpretation of risks to understand health or environmental  
2 implications, or training, then that is what this would be eligible for.  
3 There are projects that are ineligible, political lobbying,  
4 underwriting legal action, or to go back and regenerate some sort  
5 of new data."

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7 Okay, what that is—I understand what that is. You can't use this  
8 funding to go out and do your own sampling. It is there to review  
9 the sampling that the Department of Defense is already doing. So,  
10 that is a restriction. You need to be aware of that.

11 MS. BRADSHAW: That particular program is it the same as the EPA Technical  
12 Assistance Program?

13 MR. PHILLIPS: I am familiar with that TAG program, the Technical Assistance  
14 Grant, and the TAPP is very similar to it. It is a little bit more  
15 liberal with what you can do. I think it is worthwhile for the RAB.  
16 And I have asked for the funding to do this, but, now, we need to  
17 follow through and apply for it. It is up to the RAB. I think we  
18 probably need a motion on that.

19 MS. PETERS: I move that we accept—

20 MR. GRAY: The duration of this money if we—is it a fiscal year money? Is it a  
21 two-year money that we are talking about in our grant program?

22 MR. PHILLIPS: The restraints on the program are—I would prefer not to talk about  
23 what the limit is. When I am with the subcommittee, we can talk  
24 about the limit. It is a one-year program. The way it is structured,  
25 you can do three additional option years. If the RAB chooses to re-  
26 up with this guy—I say this guy—with this individual they have  
27 hired. Or, if they don't like the service, the next year they can  
28 readvertise. So, that is the way it is structured.



1 MR. GRAY:

But we can spend the money over a period of four years. My concern being that this is a rather lengthy process, that we are beginning to now get some concrete results on. But, we may have more questions two years from now than we have now, which require this sort of technical evaluation. So, I want to make sure we don't spend our one-time grant answering preliminary questions when we need that assistance, perhaps, at points later in the process.

9 MR. WILLIAMS:

That is a good point.

10 MR. CLAY:

I am looking at the minutes, and it says it is an annual \$25,000 grant, with a lifetime limit of \$100,000.

12 MR. PHILLIPS:

I did not know whether or not we had said that. Now, it is out there on the table. There is 25K set aside one year, with the lifetime of the project of 100K. So, when I said four years, that is assuming you are going to do four 25s. I don't think there is anything that restricts you if you only award \$15,000 one year, that this thing could not go on for six or eight years.

18 MR. GRAY:

That is my question.

19 MR. PHILLIPS:

But it is \$100,000 program limit.

20 MR. BRAYON:

In this same, on the page preceding the ineligible projects, you've got a page of eligible projects. And, if you look at it, the interpretation of technical documents, review of proposed restoration technologies, participate in relative risk site evaluations, understanding health and environmental implications and cleanup strategies, training as appropriate, are pretty inclusive to me. And, maybe, we could somehow, each one of us, prioritize them, one, two, three, or add to this particular list. And, then, bring it back to—just a suggestion.

9 MR. PHILLIPS:

Do you want to make that motion?

- 1 MR. BRAYON: I think that if you interpret this, just about everything you could do  
2 is included in this.
- 3 MR. WILLIAMS: Speak up so it can become  
4 part of the minutes. Direct it toward the front.
- 5 MR. CLAY: I have a question. Mr. Brayon is saying, I think what he is saying  
6 is, we really don't have to decide today. We need to decide that we  
7 want to go ahead and procure the money, the funds. And, as we  
8 go, we can determine which of the eligible projects we want to  
9 proceed with during the fiscal year. Am I close to saying what you  
10 just said?
- 11 MR. BRAYON: I interpreted him saying that, in the application, you are going to  
12 have to submit what you want to do.
- 13 MR. PHILLIPS: Yes.
- 14 MR. BRAYON: In that case, then, we would have to determine what you want to  
15 do.
- 16 MR. PHILLIPS: I should probably clarify I will need to brush up on the TAPP  
17 guidance myself as to how much I can do to assist the board and  
18 how much I can't do. The way I understood Mike Dobb's  
19 presentation last month, I could be your "secretary of record." But,  
20 still, it has to be given to me. If I write it, then it is not  
21 independent of the government. It needs to be independent of the  
22 government. It needs to be the RAB's position. So, whatever we  
23 do, I have to either have a subgroup or have the whole RAB help  
24 me help you.
- 25 MR. BALLARD: It wouldn't hurt for the RAB to discuss amongst themselves what  
26 aspects of the program or the kind of documents that you have  
27 been informed are going to be coming out of it, you feel you are  
28 better able to understand already, and what aspects of these

documents you feel will need, probably need, to be explained more clearly.

For example, there may be some expertise on the RAB already with regard to the local geology or groundwater flow. But when you start talking about toxicology and risk assessment and the risk assessment process, maybe you will want to focus your TAPP money more on having that interpreted and presented to you by your advisor. And that, I think, will be the benefit of, you know, some subcommittee or discussions and within the RAB about that need, where are the needs greatest based on what you already bring to the table.

MR. WILLIAMS:

Do you think a good project—I am just throwing something out, like understanding the health and environmental impact of the site and the cleanup, do you think that would be something that we should look toward looking at, the health and the impact of the community? That is just a thought out there. That is nothing to be concrete on.

MS. PETERS:

What is wrong with understanding health and environmental?

MR. WILLIAMS:

What do you mean what is wrong with it?

MS. PETERS:

A lot of people in the community feel that their health has been damaged from the Depot, so we could just deal with that. Could you write up something on that?

MR. BRAYON:

You weren't listening to him.

MR. WILLIAMS:

That is the one I thought would be a good one, Ms. Peters.

MS. YOUNG:

I would like to move that get a subcommittee to work on this grant with Shawn.

MR. WILLIAMS:

Is that the motion?

MS. YOUNG:

Yes.

- MR. WILLIAMS: Could I get a second?
- MS. PETERS: Second the motion.
- MR. WILLIAMS: Got a second. All in favor by hand. Any opposed? Any nays?
- Motion carried.
- MS. MOORE: Those interested in the subgroup, if you will just give me a call.
- MS. YOUNG: I would be glad to work on it. Can we move on?
- MR. PHILLIPS: Volunteers? We have Ms. Young. Who else is interested? Let's try to keep this to probably three. Ms. Gray, Terri Gray. Terri, is that with an A?
- MS. PETERS: Have you got three people yet? Three people is enough.
- MR. WILLIAMS: She was saying can we get people from just out of the community.
- MR. PHILLIPS: RAB members.
- MS. MOORE: I have Young, Bradshaw, Gray. That is three.
- MR. WILLIAMS: That is three.
- MR. PHILLIPS: That's enough. I will contact each of you, so we can move off this agenda item, some time in the next two weeks. I will contact them personally, outside of the RAB, in the next two weeks. We will set up a meeting, and we will talk about this.
- MR. WILLIAMS: Who can the other members of the RAB send some of their suggestions to so they can be heard?
- MR. TRUITT: The committee members.
- MR. PHILLIPS: Send your suggestions to those three.
- MR. WILLIAMS: If anybody has any suggestions on what they would like to do, send them to the committee members, or you can send them to the information—

#### COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION

- MR. PHILLIPS: Community Information Session. Mondell mentioned that earlier in the meeting. I just want to make a note. I want to thank Benjamin

- 1 Moore from ATSDR. I also want to thank Alma. They went out  
2 to Corry Junior High today and spoke to over 200 students. We  
3 expect those students, and hopefully their parents, to come out.
- 4 MR. WILLIAMS: I would like to thank Mr. Truitt for putting out 1,400 flyers when  
5 he went down to Sander's facility. When was that?
- 6 MR. TRUITT: No, we are going. We put out 1,600 flyers between Airways and  
7 Elvis Presley, Ball and I-240 to members of our association, which  
8 consist of 10 block clubs. And the meeting is going to be Monday  
9 night.
- 10 MS. WILLETT: I welcome the group tomorrow morning to Dunn Avenue  
11 Elementary at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow morning.
- 12 MR. PHILLIPS: This morning, Mr. John Garrison attended our BRAC Cleanup  
13 Team meeting. I would like to thank him. That is two straight  
14 months he has attended. Would anyone like to come in October?  
15 We know it is during the day, but it helps us a lot to have a RAB  
16 member in there.
- 17 MS. PETERS: You have a person right down here?
- 18 MR. GARRISON: I attended the BCT meeting today, and it was highly informative,  
19 highly professional, and it gives one an opportunity to meet  
20 government representatives from all over America. You learn how  
21 decisions are made. And the end result, by attending, it will help  
22 you better relate to your agenda. And when Mr. Phillips asks for a  
23 volunteer, I highly encourage the RAB members to hold up their  
24 hand.
- 25 MR. PHILLIPS: I know it is difficult, because it is during the day, and a lot of  
26 people work. You know, there is not much I can do about that.  
27 But, I encourage anybody. And if no one feels like raising their  
28 hand tonight—
- 29 MR. BOND: In October, I will go.

1 MS. MOORE: Thank you so much, Mr. Bond.

2 MR. PHILLIPS: Thank you.

3 MR. FLYNN: It is the same day as the RAB meeting.

4 MR. WILLIAMS: What time does it start?

5 MR. FLYNN: 8:30 a.m.

6 MR. PHILLIPS: It depends on how Northwest is doing. We like to try to start at  
7 8:30 a.m., but today we didn't. We have copies of the August BCT  
8 meeting minutes available for distribution. I believe we're on new  
9 business. We really need to hustle through this, so we can get to a  
10 public comment period.  
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12 **NEW BUSINESS**  
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14 **DRAFT FINAL COMMUNITY RELATIONS PLAN**

15 MR. PHILLIPS: Basically, we have the Draft Community Relations Plan. Each of  
16 you has a copy of it in front of you. Denise Cooper, you have one  
17 minute to talk about the Community Relations Plan.

18 MS. COOPER: I can do it. On your table in front of you, RAB members, you see  
19 the Community Relations Plan. It is that large binder. We have  
20 been in the process of trying to update this. Frontline for us, last  
21 November, did a telephone survey and some focus groups with  
22 some leaders in the neighborhood, as well as government leaders.  
23 That has now been incorporated into this document.  
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25 As of Saturday, this document will be out for public review, 30-day  
26 public review and comment. We encourage you to please review  
27 this document. The purpose is to outline our community relations  
28 activities, what we plan on doing. We would like any input

1 whatsoever so that we can make this a good document. Please  
2 have your comments back to us by—

3 MR. FLYNN: October 19<sup>th</sup>.

4 MS. COOPER: -- October 19<sup>th</sup>. You can give them back to Alma. I believe her  
5 name, phone number and address are in there. Or, to me, Denise  
6 Cooper, at the Depot. And these will be in the Information  
7 Repositories. They will also be here at the Depot's Reading Room.  
8 We encourage you to encourage your neighbors, pass the document  
9 around, have them go to the libraries. We want all input. Thank  
10 you.

11 MR. PHILLIPS: Thank you, Ms. Cooper.

12 **BCT MEETING UPDATE**

13 MR. PHILLIPS: BCT meeting update. What we did this morning, Mr. Ballard.

14 MR. BALLARD: We met and started just updating on the status, various people in  
15 charge of the various projects, updated us all on the status of those  
16 various projects. I think Shawn is going to go into that in a little  
17 more detail, so I will leave that to him.

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19 We had a good discussion of the golf course cleanup, or how we  
20 would possibly see the golf course cleanup moving forward, you  
21 know, revolving around the potential for taking early action. And,  
22 using that, if it is successful, using that as a possible model for  
23 expanded soils cleanup. And that is the primary members of the  
24 BCT, that is TDEC, Jordan, myself and Shawn are going to be  
25 meeting soon to kick that around a little more.

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27 We discussed some changes to the Remedial Investigation (RI)  
28 work plan. That is basically adding on some additional work,  
29 creating more sampling locations where there seems to be some

1 areas that need them on the Main Installation and to help better  
2 delineate the extent of contamination in soil and groundwater.

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4 And we agreed to continue the participation of the U.S. Geological  
5 Survey (USGS) in an advisory capacity to the BCT for  
6 groundwater issues. The EPA will be funding that, the USGS, in  
7 that effort. And that was, in a nutshell, that is what we talked about  
8 there.

9 MS. BRADSHAW: You talked about the Dieldrin cleanup?

10 MR. BALLARD: Yes.

11 MS. BRADSHAW: Who is regulating those contractors, and who is out there seeing if  
12 they are using the proper procedures?

13 MR. BALLARD: For what?

14 MS. BRADSHAW: For the cleanup over by the golf course.

15 MR. BALLARD: We haven't started any cleanup at the golf course.

16 MS. BRADSHAW: Over by the housing?

17 MR. BALLARD: I would like to defer that to Shawn when he updates us on the  
18 project, on the housing project.

19 MS. BRADSHAW: Shawn, I would like to make a statement, because we have been  
20 having problems with that cleanup. I went—I have been over there  
21 and filmed twice. And dust is flying everywhere. That is supposed  
22 to be Dieldrin. Now, that is an unsafe procedure. And those  
23 people are only, to me, it looks like less than 20 feet away from the  
24 site itself where they are cleaning up, especially in Colonial Village.

25  
26 And out there where they are storing—this particular contractor is  
27 storing the dirt, there is mud, and you can see there is dust  
28 everywhere over there. So, that needs to be seriously looked at.  
29 And, as I mentioned to you and Jordan English over a month ago,



1 when I went back over there, I saw the same procedure. There are  
2 children over there, and there are lots of families. There are more  
3 families over there than I thought that even exists. Colonial Village  
4 and on down there is another apartment complex. And that is too  
5 close for comfort.

6 MR. PHILLIPS: May I respond?

7 MS. BRADSHAW: Yes.

8 MR. PHILLIPS: After you mentioned that to Jordan and myself, we both went over  
9 there together, and I have watched that job. The Corps of  
10 Engineers oversees our contractor on that job. And, from the soil  
11 that is coming out, there has not been dust raising. There is dust.  
12 And you have probably seen dust. That is the soil that we're  
13 backfilling the site with, the clean soil.

14 MS. BRADSHAW: No, that was before then. This happened before. I know.

15 MR. PHILLIPS: I will have to agree with you to disagree, because I don't share  
16 your opinion. And you mentioned this the other month that you  
17 have either film or photographs of it. If you have that, if you would  
18 provide that, or provide a copy of it, I would appreciate it. But I  
19 followed up on what you said, and I didn't see it.

20 MS. BRADSHAW: But what I am saying is I shouldn't be the person to oversee and go  
21 out there and see mistakes being done. It seems like that if you  
22 look at that—I don't know if they cleaned it up since they saw me  
23 out there. But, after they saw me, they started spraying water to  
24 get the dust down. Now, at first, they weren't doing anything. So,  
25 I am just saying that the procedure needs to be looked at a little  
26 closer. It is people's lives. And you know what Dieldrin do to  
27 people.  
28

1 And little children, that is the main concern is those children out  
2 there playing in that dirt. Now, we don't want anything, 10 to 20  
3 years from now, to happen to these kids.

4 MR. WILLIAMS: Ms. Bradshaw, I appreciate you bringing that to the RAB's  
5 attention. And, hopefully, I can—hopefully, Shawn will entertain  
6 the thought of just going over there, revisiting that site to make  
7 sure that what you are saying, that, hopefully, it is not true. But, if  
8 so, that he can entertain taking care of that problem. Hopefully, he  
9 will do that.

10 MR. PHILLIPS: I have a request from Mr. Gray from the Memphis/Shelby County  
11 Health Department. You have purview over dust being generated  
12 by vehicles, being covered loads.

13 MR. GRAY: Yes.

14 MR. PHILLIPS: Have you had any complaints about that particular job?

15 MR. GRAY: No.

16 MR. PHILLIPS: If you hear anything about that, would you also let me know?

17 MR. GRAY: Yes.

18 MS. PETERS: May I ask a question? They have not removed all of the  
19 contaminated soil yet?

20 MR. PHILLIPS: I wanted to give you a project update on that, if I can do that.

## 22 PROJECT/FOSL UPDATE

23 MR. PHILLIPS: I tried to make an overhead of this so it would be clear. This is  
24 going to be very difficult for the non-board members. When we  
25 went over—does the RAB recall going over to the housing area, I  
26 think, two months ago?

27 MS. PETERS: I went.

28 MR. PHILLIPS: We were standing right here. Here is the parking lot. The area that  
29 they are staging the soil, as Ms. Bradshaw pointed out, is right

1 here. This is where the gate is. The contractor's trailers are  
2 located here. The four housing units—you can't see them with the  
3 shading—but they are here, here, here, and over there. Now, the  
4 different colors mean within Areas A, which is right around the  
5 housing units, Area B, which is the former garden plot north of the  
6 housing units. The areas that are shaded blue were excavated to 12  
7 inches. The areas that were shaded red, the confirmation samples  
8 came back clean at six inches. So, excavation ended at six inches.  
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10 The area that is green, that is behind the garages, that has not begun  
11 excavation yet. We are planning on starting that tomorrow or  
12 Monday. The reason we have held it all off to one time is because  
13 we want to excavate, sample and backfill as we are moving, so we  
14 don't leave this excavation open for a long—we are hoping on a  
15 day per area.  
16

17 I've got another figure. This map was updated as of two days ago,  
18 Tuesday. Where I believe you probably saw the dust from, all the  
19 darker shaded area, has already been backfilled with clean soil from  
20 our pit. There was a little strip here that was outside of some  
21 privacy fencing between the roadside and privacy fencing. This has  
22 since been backfilled to this entire upper area has been excavated,  
23 sampled and backfilled. And they are going to try to get sod  
24 established on it now, before we get into too cool a weather. That  
25 is the status of the housing project.  
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27 I asked the contractor—we are documenting this action with a  
28 Post-Removal Report. As an appendix to the Post-Removal  
29 Report, he will have all of his manifests, all his sample results. That

1 document will go out in the Information Repositories, and it will be  
2 part of our Administrative Record. He is planning on getting that  
3 draft document out sometime in the late November time frame.  
4 And, hopefully, we will have that finalized after the new year.  
5 There is one other project we are doing field work on. Has  
6 anybody driven down Person Road lately?

7 MR. CLAY:

Yes.

8 MR. PHILLIPS:

We have a project over there that is tying in the groundwater  
9 system to the sewer main. We began that sewer hookup last week.  
10 Last Monday.

11 MR. PHILLIPS:

My helper there is Mr. Kurt Braun. And we are going to finish it?

12 MR. BRAUN:

Hopefully within—it will probably be a week job. But, because of  
13 the utilities that we ran into, and some of the utilities were  
14 mislocated, we had some downtime. There is a 30-inch force main  
15 in there that was on the wrong side of the manhole.

16 MR. PHILLIPS:

When is it going to be done?

17 MR. BRAUN:

Probably the end of next week.

18 MR. PHILLIPS:

So, starting two weeks from now, we will be testing out the pumps.  
19 The contractor has a certain period of time where he has to prove  
20 that the pumps work to the government. Then, we will flip the  
21 switch on the system. And if that works out right, the system  
22 should be operational by the end of the month of October. It is the  
23 groundwater remedial system we have been working on here for  
24 two years. At the end of October, it is going to go on-line. That is  
25 a project update.

26 MR. WILLIAMS:

Well, again, I would like to welcome all of the new members to the  
27 RAB. And I would just like to hope that as new members and old  
28 members, that we can all gel together and become as one, and to  
29 fight issues as a whole and not as separate entities.

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2 **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

3 **MR. WILLIAMS:** And, after saying all of that, I would like to open up the floor for  
4 public comment. If anyone from the public would like to make any  
5 comments. Or, if there are no comments from the floor—

6 **MS. PETERS:** We see one person in the back over there.

7 **MR. TYLER:** I would like to thank the people on the Internet Committee for  
8 putting up with me for those hours. I won't say anybody's name,  
9 because I probably already forgot them. Hopefully, by January, we  
10 will be on-line, and we will be able to find out what is in that  
11 groundwater.

12 **MR. WILLIAMS:** I appreciate you volunteering your time. We need more people to  
13 volunteer time that have it, and I appreciate that. Ms. Mills?

14 **MS. MILLS:** I am Betty Mills. I am a former employee here. I keep hearing  
15 everything about the soil contamination. Employees worked out  
16 here for years, walking in all of this contamination, working in this  
17 contamination. Still, no one is addressing the employees. I still  
18 want to let you know that I am interested in someone working with  
19 the employees about contamination and being out here on this base  
20 for so many years in this contamination.

21 **MR. PHILLIPS:** Ms. Mills, did you participate in—I believe you participated in the  
22 ATSDR meeting that they had?

23 **MS. MILLS:** Yes, I did.

24 **MR. PHILLIPS:** Mr. Moore from ATSDR, would it be possible to get an update, a  
25 five-minute update, at next month's RAB meeting on that particular  
26 issue? I mean, I know you guys are working on a lot of  
27 information here.

28 **MR. MOORE:** The work as a subgroup?

- 1 MR. PHILLIPS: Is that going to be handled at the Greater Memphis Environmental  
2 Justice Work Group meeting?
- 3 MR. MOORE: Yes, it will.
- 4 MR. PHILLIPS: I encourage everybody on the RAB. I hope we're on all on the  
5 mailing list. If not, we will make an announcement. I believe it is  
6 the day after the next RAB possibly.
- 7 MR. MOORE: So, my understanding is you want some type of update for the next  
8 RAB, or you don't want it?
- 9 MR. PHILLIPS: If it is going to be handled as part of the Greater Memphis  
10 Environmental Justice Work Group—
- 11 MS. MILLS: I am a member of that work group, but, you know, they are  
12 addressing our health concerns. I want DOD to start coming up  
13 with solutions for the employees. ATSDR is doing an excellent job.  
14 But, as far as DOD, Department of Defense, they are not doing  
15 anything. They don't want to hear it. Shawn, can you help us with  
16 that?
- 17 MR. PHILLIPS: A point was just made out to me, not exactly in response to what  
18 you just said, but if folks cannot make it during the daytime,  
19 Greater Memphis Environmental Justice Work Group meeting, then  
20 they might not ever hear about that particular subject.
- 21 MS. BRADSHAW: It is going to be on a Saturday. It is going to be on a Saturday. It  
22 is going to be open.
- 23 MR. FLYNN: It is not the 16<sup>th</sup> then?
- 24 MS. BRADSHAW: It is on the 17<sup>th</sup>. The date was changed. It is on a Saturday  
25 because people do work. And the only way that you are going to  
26 be able to reach the people is to have it on a Saturday or even at  
27 night.

1 MR. PHILLIPS:

Thank you, Ms. Bradshaw. If ATSDR is doing that, that is a very good idea. I think, though, that we probably wouldn't mind having a five-minute update on that at the RAB.

4 MR. MOORE:

Okay.

5 MR. PHILLIPS:

We have a guest here tonight. You will be able to meet them on Saturday. Colonel Edmund Libby. He is the Program Manager for—he is the Project Manager for Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel program out of Aberdeen. Do you want five minutes?

9 COLONEL LIBBY:

Just a couple of minutes. I am the Project Manager for Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel. I have nationwide responsibilities to assist the cleanup that is sponsored by the Department of Defense for certain classes of formerly-used chemical warfare materiel that have been disposed around the country.

15 I also am responsible for disposing of former production facilities, as well as for disposing of some of the chemical rounds that are still in magazines, the so-called binary rounds, the latest versions that we had, and just a variety of other miscellaneous items, some of which contained agents, some of which did not contain agents, but still have to be destroyed under the Chemical Weapons Convention to which the United States recently was a signatory.

23 For the particular issue that is of interest to you here, my project would be responsible for disposing of any former suspect chemical warfare materiel that may be recovered during the remediation, and, particularly, of the Dunn Field area. We are the folks that would come and take that materiel away for disposal, disposal action. With that said, I do not operate full-service environmental remediation activities. I only handle those commodities that belong

1 to my program. I always tell folks I don't drive bulldozers. I don't  
2 plant trees. I don't work pump-and-treat stations, that sort of  
3 material.

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5 I strictly am a subcontractor, if you will, a supporter to  
6 organizations like the Corps of Engineers and installation  
7 commanders and installation organizations, such as we have here,  
8 who are doing all of those full-service environmental remediation  
9 activities. But, I am guy for the chemical warfare materiel, the  
10 materiel agents, and, in this case, of course, the Chemical Agent  
11 Identification Sets (CAIS), and that sort of materiel.

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13 So, I am assisted by Ms. Louise Dyson, who is my Public Affairs  
14 Officer, a Public Outreach and Information Officer, and by other  
15 folks. I have Tom Hoff also here tonight, who is my Project  
16 Engineer on this program. Those of you who are visiting the Dunn  
17 Field will have seen the little white structure out there. That is a  
18 sealed, air-conditioned structure in which we would store materiel,  
19 suspect chemical materiel, that was taken up out of the ground. It  
20 will be stored there until the project is done and then we will come  
21 and take it away for ultimate disposal. It is a safe and  
22 environmentally sound method.

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24 But, that is basically what we do. We are here to see the site and  
25 understand the site conditions. You know, like all military folks,  
26 we want to walk the ground and understand the needs of the people  
27 and the concerns of the folks as we understand what it takes for us  
28 to do our job here. And we want to have you feel comfortable with



1 what we are doing and be able to explain to you all just exactly  
2 what our role is.

3 MR. PHILLIPS:

Thank you, Colonel. Colonel, I want to thank you for becoming  
4 personally involved here, for being here and for being here this  
5 weekend. That leads into a real quick plug for me for this  
6 weekend, for this Saturday.

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8 I wanted to just real quickly mention the name of the agencies,  
9 companies, organizations that are going to have booths set up. The  
10 Depot will be there; the Environmental Protection Agency; TDEC;  
11 the Corps of Engineers; Memphis/Shelby County Health  
12 Department; Memphis Light, Gas and Water; ATSDR; CH2M Hill,  
13 our consultant; OHM Remediation Services, our construction  
14 contractor; Parsons Engineering; the Concerned Citizens  
15 Committee; the Project Manager for Non-Stockpile—the Colonel's  
16 group; the Ground Water Institute, is that confirmed?

17 MS. MOORE:

Yes.

18 MR. PHILLIPS:

Thank you. The Memphis Depot Redevelopment Corporation, the  
19 DRC; and, also, I guess our first tenant, McAuley's, the potpourri  
20 manufacturer. They will actually—

21 MR. BURR:

I understood that the Memphis Leadership Foundation had also  
22 been invited. I don't know if they are going to participate or not.

23 MS. MOORE:

He is not able to come.

24 MR. WILLIAMS:

25 With no further ado, I would like to thank everyone, again, for  
26 coming out and showing interest and participation with what is  
27 going on with the RAB. But, before I close this meeting out, real  
28 quick, would you like to give us a quick update on what is going on  
with the redevelopment.

1 MR. BURR:

2 Thank you, Mondell. We are delighted to be sitting at the table,  
3 and, of course, have been participating for the last two and a half  
4 years. We have, I think, some very exciting prospects that have  
5 been to the Depot this past week. One particular partnership, I  
6 think is the best way to describe it, that has the potential of  
7 involving a large number of minority businesses through a  
8 distribution operation. And that is the sort of thing we want to see  
9 because it offers a much wider variety of jobs than many of the  
10 companies that have been interested in the past.

11 You never know what is around the corner. You know, frankly,  
12 we don't feel that we have done an effective job of marketing the  
13 Depot because we haven't had the staff. We haven't had the  
14 environmental clearance on the facilities so that they are available.  
15 And we want to make sure that when we do go nationwide, if not  
16 global, that we do have the facilities to respond. And we are  
17 bringing a marketing person on the staff at the end of this month.  
18 And I think you will see a significant change in the visibility of the  
19 Depot in terms of our marketing effort. And I guess the other thing  
20 that I should mention is that we are about to go under construction  
21 with a four million dollar landscaped boulevard down through the  
22 middle of the Depot that will make a drastic change in the character  
23 of the site, with some assistance from the Economic Development  
24 Administration and the support of the city and county government.  
25 That project is going to make a major difference.

26 MR. WILLIAMS:

27 I appreciate that, sir. I guess we will adjourn the meeting.  
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(Whereupon, at 7:22 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.)

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 15, 1998**

**The Depot, Commander's Conference Room**

**2163 Airway Boulevard, Memphis**

**Attendance List**

**Restoration Advisory Board Members**

Mr. Shawn Phillips	Facility Co-Chair
Mr. Mondell Williams	Community Co-Chair
Mr. Dave Bond	Citizen Representative
Mr. John Garrison	Citizen Representative
Ms. Willie Mae Willett	Citizen Representative
Mr. Kevin Clay	Citizen Representative
Mr. Carter Gray	Memphis/Shelby County Health Department
Ms. Johnnie Mae Peters	Citizen Representative
Mr. Eugene Brayon	Citizen Representative
Mr. Turpin Ballard	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Ms. Janet Hooks	Memphis City Council
Mr. Ulysses Truitt	Citizen Representative
Mr. James Webb	Memphis Light, Gas & Water (MLG&W)
Ms. Elizabeth Young	Citizen Representative
Ms. Terri Gray	Citizen Representative
Mr. Gene Burr	Memphis Depot Redevelopment Corporation (DRC)
Ms. Doris Bradshaw	Citizen Representative

## Others in Attendance

Colonel Edmund Libby	U.S. Army Project Manager for Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel
Ms. Louise Dyson	Public Affairs Officer for Non- Stockpile Chemical Materiel
Mr. Tom Hoff	Project Engineer for Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel
Tia Marshall	Public Outreach Specialist for Non- Stockpile Chemical Materiel
Ms. Alma Black Moore	Frontline
Mr. Terry Flynn	Frontline
Ms. Jennifer Hall	Frontline
Ms. Denise Cooper	Memphis Depot Caretaker
Mr. Chris King	Corps of Engineers Huntsville
Ms. Dorothy Richards	Corps of Engineers Huntsville
Mr. Scott Bradley	Corps of Engineers Huntsville
Mr. Wilson Waters	Corps of Engineers Huntsville
Mr. Kurt Braun	Corps of Engineers Mobile
Ms. Sherrye Wheeler	Memphis/Shelby County Health Department
Mr. Norman Lacharelle	Memphis/Shelby County Health Department
Ms. Katrina Hamm	Environmental Protection Agency
Mr. Phil Amido	Memphis Depot Caretaker
Mrs. Margaret Curry	Citizen
Mr. Everett Humphreys	Citizen
Mr. Mark Starnes	Citizen
Mr. Benjamin Moore	Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) CH2M Hill
Mr. Greg Underberg	Citizen
Mr. Charles Freeman	Citizen
Mr. Ralph Towns	Citizen
Mr. John DeBack	Base Transition Office

Mr. Kenneth Bradshaw	Citizen
Ms. Lessie Brady	Citizen
Mr. Stanley Tyler	Citizen
Ms. Betty Mills	Citizen
Mr. Russell Ray Anderson	Citizen
Mr. James Hurt	Citizen
Mr. Maynard Jordan	Citizen

## Defense Logistics Agency

**Memphis Depot  
Restoration Advisory Board  
Agenda****Thursday, September 17, 1998  
6:00 p.m.****Conference Room  
2163 Airways Boulevard  
Memphis, Tennessee**

<b>Welcome and Introduction</b>	<b>5 min.</b>	<b>Mr. Mondell Williams Community Co-Chair</b>
<b>Old Business</b>		
<b>Membership Vote</b>	<b>30 min.</b>	<b>Mr. Mondell Williams Community Co-Chair</b>
<b>TAPP Subcommittee</b>	<b>10 min.</b>	<b>Mr. Shawn Phillips</b>
<b>Community Information Session</b>	<b>5 min.</b>	<b>Mr. Shawn Phillips</b>
<b>New Business</b>		
<b>Draft Final Community Relations Plan</b>	<b>10 min.</b>	<b>Mr. Mondell Williams</b>
<b>BCT Meeting Update</b>	<b>10 min.</b>	<b>Mr. Turpin Ballard, EPA</b>
<b>Project/FOSL Update</b>	<b>20 min.</b>	<b>Mr. Shawn Phillips</b>
<b>Public Comment Period</b>	<b>10 min.</b>	<b>Mr. Mondell Williams</b>
<b>Adjourn Meeting</b>		

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