

MINUTES

General Meeting
Ft McClellan Restoration Advisory Board
July 20, 1998

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barry Cox, Don Cunningham, Jerome Elsner, Alan Faust, Ronald Hood, James Miller, Fernand Thomassy, Charles Turner

BRAC CLEANUP TEAM MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chris Johnson, Ron Levy

I. CALL TO ORDER. Mr. Thomassy called the meeting to order at 6:30.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. The meeting minutes of Jun 15, 1998 were reviewed with no comment.

BRAC CLEANUP PLAN DISCUSSION. Mr. Thomassy called for comments or questions on the BRAC Cleanup Plan and commented on the value of the document and the importance of the RAB's input. The changing role of the Ft McClellan Development Commission and the occupancy process of Building 65 on Ft McClellan was discussed. Several board members provided comments about recent news reports of the controversy as to which organization has the authority to transfer property. The board agreed that they will continue to recognize the existing FMDC until notified otherwise. The issue of soil contamination around the buildings on Buckner Circle from lead-based paint was discussed at length. Mr. Johnson explained the cleanup process and guidelines of HUD vs CERCLA and informed the RAB there was a difference of opinion between EPA and DOD which needed to be resolved. He and Mr. Levy assured the board members the issue would not delay the transfer of property, nor did they expect to find unacceptable measures in the soil. Mr. Johnson then proceeded to inform the board on the status of current cleanup. He stated that the contractors performing site investigations of approximately eighty parcels will be in the field this fall, collecting data. He provided a review of the projects, screening process, evaluation of risk assessment and documentation requirements. The board members then commented on the methodology of the SIs, funding and timelines. Several board members voiced concern that the community was not aware of what was being done to clean up Ft McClellan and as a board they were uncertain what was expected of them. A discussion ensued as to what was the specific issues and how they could be corrected. Mr. Thomassy and Mr. Levy both agreed there needed to be more information provided to the community and stated they had been speaking to groups and have several more engagements planned. The board was strongly encouraged to also get out in the community and take every opportunity to inform the public. The board then discussed ways to change the conduct of the meetings and methods to improve attendance at the meetings.

IV. COMMUNITY RELATIONS. Ms. McKinney informed the RAB there was very little response to our request for additional nomination applications. However, if the board wants to make a selection for an additional member, the nominations can be reviewed in our September meeting. The next civic club presentation is at the Oxford Kiwanis Noon Club on Aug 13th. Mr. Thomassy will make the presentation. Several other groups have been contacted and final dates are being arranged. Mr. Levy suggested contacting elected officials and making presentations there. This will be pursued. The next quarterly community meeting will be at the Quintard Mall on Aug 17th. It will be a public meeting and the RAB will be available to respond to questions and comments from the audience.

V. OLD BUSINESS. The budget handout was discussed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS. No other new business was discussed.

VII. ADJOURNMENT. There being no other business the meeting adjourned.