



WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 7:00 PM

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- 1. Call to order and establish a Quorum
- 2. Comments from the Co-Chairs
- 3. Review meeting minutes of 03/11/20 and 6/10/20
- 4. National Park status for the SSFL cleanup, benefits, features and operations. Presentation by John Luker
- 5. General Public Comment
- 6. Adjournment

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JOINT ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, March 11, 2020 @ 7:00 P.M. Chaminade College Preparatory – Condon Center 23260 Saticoy St., West Hills, CA 91304

Committee Attendees: Steve Randall Co-Chair, Alec Uzemeck Co-Chair, Char Rothstein,

<u>Other Attendees</u>: Joan Trent, Joanne Yvanek-Garb, Tony Scearce, Dan Brin, Ann Mizrahi, John Luker, Wendy Gladstone, Bonnie Klea, Patrick Aguirre, Kamara Sams, Marcia Rubin, Roger Paulson and Steve Becker.

Opening Business

Steve called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM and a quorum was present. Steve read the revised Committee Rules and they were unanimously approved. The Minutes for the November 13, 2019 meeting, November 13, 2019 special meeting and the January 8, 2020 meeting were approved

Public Comment

Bonnie said that the Workgroup meeting was poorly attended by the Council and it was an important meeting. Jared Blumenfeld, Secretary of the Cal EPA, spoke about the cleanup at the SSFL soil and he strongly supported the 2010 cleanup to background and said that there would not be any negotiation or revision of the 2010 AOC.

New Business

Marcia Rubin DTSC introduced Roger Paulson DTSC and Steve Becker DTSC as the speakers for the SSFL cleanup presentation. The information covered a description of the site, the history of past rocket testing and research, subsequent contamination of the soil and groundwater and areas of responsibility. Maps were shown that illustrated the extent of the chemical and radiologic pollution of the soil and groundwater. The project timeline includes investigation., corrective measure and treatability studies, selection of corrective measures and final selection and implementation and DTSC feels that the investigation reports from the RP's are complete and they are in the selection of corrective measures. DTSC is preparing the Programmatic Environment Impact Statement, to be complete by yearend, which will move the project into the final selection and cleanup implementation. Roger agreed that we are about two years away from the implementation and excavation.

Attendees asked questions for further explanation and understanding and DTSC expressed their willingness to address more groups in the future. DTSC announced their new website.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM.

The video of the full meeting is on YouTube at https ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE



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JOINT BOARD AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES June 10, 2020 Online and Telephonic

Committee members in attendance; Steve Randall, Alec Uzemeck, Char Rothstein, Brad Vanderhoof, Anthony Scearce

Co Chair Steve Randall opened the meeting and established a quorum.

No comments from the cochairs.

Alec introduced the topic for the meeting - Should the Committee approve a letter to DTSC and DOE opposing their agreement to use the 2010 AOC to remove ten buildings in Area IV? The 2010 AOC requires cleanup to background.

The WHNC approved a resolution in December 2017 asking that the DTSC PEIR include another alternative that uses US EPA risk-based cleanup which provides total clean up with a minimum disruption of the environment and community.

Comments were made: The committee should wait until after the upcoming DTSC SSFL status meeting to pick up any additional information. The committee should not comment since the decision has been made by Los Angeles City that cleanup work should proceed under the 2010 AOC. Per the city attorney the Committee should not communicate directly with other agencies. Communications should go through Councilman Lee. Health issues could be put into the letter to give emphasis to the seriousness of the cleanup. Wait until the buildings are removed before communicating regarding the remainder of the site cleanup. Cleanup of radiological material should be cleaned up to background and the remainder of the cleanup should. use riskbased cleanup. DOE has limited budget.

The preponderance of the Committee members and the public felt that the letter to DTC and DOE should be delayed and revisited after the DTSC status meeting and this plan was accepted by all.

Public Comment: none

Steve adjourned the meeting at 8:16 PM.