

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE/ BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, October 14, 2015  
HIDDEN LAKE CLUBHOUSE

CALL TO ORDER: Steve Randall called the meeting to order

MEMBER ATTENDANCE: Steve Randall, Alec Uzemeck, Char Rothstein, Bonnie Klea, Reeyan Raynes, Elliot Maggin, Marge Brown

MINUTES: A quorum was present and after some corrections the members approved the minutes for the September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR: Steve said that he was neutral in his views on the cleanup methods citing full site knowledge, but called for the site to be cleaned to make the area safe.

AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Alec made a presentation covering the background of the ATSDR health assessment to be discussed and the first milestone was the 2014 petition from Abe Weitzberg on behalf of the CAG, to the ATSDR to come to the SSFL and make a health review for the communities to resolve the community division over the potential link between the SSFL and cancers in the surrounding areas. Recently the ATSDR review committee agreed to do the study.

Several weeks ago a two news segments and numerous radio interviews said that the SSFL was contaminated with radioactive material which had caused cancer in the past and continued to threaten the people in the surrounding communities. Many residents were very worried and called the WHNC to express their concerns for the health of their families.

On one side there were numerous studies that did not find a link between the site and the communities and on the other side several UCLA studies took an opposing view. Alec made the motion that the Environment Committee make a recommendation to the Council that a resolution be passed calling for the ATSDR to come to the SSFL and perform a health review. The motion was seconded.

Many attendees spoke in opposition to the motion and some of their comments included: ATSDR is incompetent, is corrupt since it appears to side with RP's, was investigated by Congress in 2009, could reverse the findings of the UCLA studies and the agency information was not necessary since there is sufficient knowledge that is available. Supporters said: an updated report could be valuable since we have more information now, the ATSDR report effort would calm the community, the DTSC EIR will not include offsite risk assessments that ATSDR could provide and the agency is part of the CDC which has an international reputation for quality and competence. The Committee discussed the TV reports, the attendees comments and concerns and what could be gained from the ATSDR report. The Committee, by a majority, voted to approve the motion, and presenting the recommendation at the next Council meeting.

Char did not have new information regarding the construction projects being planned by developers or those in progress.

Simone was unable to attend the meeting to give a report on Sustainability.

The meeting was adjourned.