



Community Advisory Panel

MINUTES

November 12, 2009

7:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Dofasco – First Floor, Conference Room E

Present: Jessica Aird, Dwayne Brown, Mike Brown, Debbie Levo, Karen Logan, Lorna Moreau, Lori Small, Trevor Pettit, Pat Thiessen.

1. Welcome and introductions

2. Approval of minutes – October 15, 2009

Following clarification about the incident reporting form location on the website (until the website is updated by the web host the form is located on the CAP minutes page) the minutes were accepted as presented.

3. Discussion re potential new members

There was a discussion about who should contact companies about joining HIEA. Trevor Pettit suggested that CAP members could suggest company names and then Technical Committee members would approach the companies. CAP members are looking for ways to become involved and to give purpose to the group. They would prefer more involvement than what is being suggested. Karen indicated that she has drafted a letter for potential members and developed a list of companies that could be approached.

4. Program planning for 2010 – ideas for presentations and information

CAP members requested that more company representatives attend the meetings so that there can be more meaningful discussions. CAP members have also asked that HIEA member companies give presentations on a rotating basis that identify their areas of concern or emission problems and how they are dealing with these issues. CAP members would like to know about company operations, processes and controls as well as any issues that may arise and how they are dealt with. It would also be helpful to get updates from HAMN. Some community members do not believe they are being heard and therefore do not attend the meetings.

Company representatives suggested that CAP members should send in their questions in advance of the meetings to allow them some time to investigate and get all the information necessary. It was suggested that maybe there are too many meetings but then CAP members suggested they were interested in presentations that talked about what member companies are doing to improve their performance. They suggested having 2 – 3 member companies per month come out to give an environmental update for approximately 10 minutes each. To do this we would need to maintain the number of meetings that are currently scheduled. There are a number of different community groups being represented so it was also suggested that these groups could also give a presentation on what they are doing. It was suggested that the agendas could be distributed to other community groups to encourage more attendance.

CAP members suggested that they wanted to start having the company presentations in January – and suggested that Karen could do a “lottery” to pick the order of companies for presentations and give this list at the January meeting. There are plans to do a presentation of the 2008 HIEA survey. Members asked for a presentation by HAMN at the January meeting. Mike Brown will organize this. CAP members also requested that plant tours be arranged where possible.

5. New Business

There were suggestions to change the wording in the agendas – add the words “community concerns/issues to the item called Roundtable, change business arising to new business, add an item – approval of the minutes.

There was a request to allow more time for interaction and discussion. Community members don’t know what problems the companies are dealing with – could companies discuss environmental issues they are facing and talk about how they are dealing with them. CAP members would like to hear from companies about issues that have environmental focus.

6. Roundtable

CAP members want to know what they can do about companies who are polluting but are not members of HIEA – how do we address these issues to the right companies. There was a question about the origin and composition of clouds of yellow smoke that has been seen several times lately. It was suggested that it could be Triple M Metals. They will be contacted to give a presentation to CAP at the February meeting.

Some members suggested contacting councillors (Sam Merulla, Bernie Morelli, Chad Collins) to attend the February meeting. Members will ask their own councillor to attend. There was a brief discussion about the environmental officer and quarterly reports that Sam Merulla has tried to implement but this was never implemented. Al Fletcher from zoning has also been in the community talking to community members about zoning concerns.

Members asked about an incident that occurred on Wednesday November 11. Mike Brown explained what had happened at the coke oven. The circumstances that lead to this incident have never been seen before.

Next Regular CAP Meeting

Date: Thursday January 14, 2010

Place: ArcelorMittal Dofasco Conference Room E

Reported by Karen Logan