



Community Advisory Panel
DRAFT MINUTES
October 9, 2010
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Dofasco – First Floor, Conference Room A

Present: Jessica Aird, Martha Allan, Mike Bell, Mike Brown, Gord Gilmet, Frank Harrison, David Hart-Dyke, Zobia Jawed, Karen Logan, Mike Oitzl, Christine Pompeo, Lori Small, Sam Soufivand, Pat Thiessen.

1. Welcome and introductions

2. Ruetgers presentation – Gord Gilmet

Ruetgers Canada is one of the original founding members of HIEA. Gord provided some history about the company and described how a coal tar distillery facility functions. They currently use ISO 14001 standards as a guide for their environmental program and follow the Responsible Care certification program. Following his presentation Gord asked for a volunteer to participate in their 2010 Responsible Care re-certification process.

3. Air Liquide presentation – Sam Soufivand

Sam provided a brief history of the company and described how the facility works. Air Liquide supplies more than one million customers in over 75 countries. They supply gases to extremely diverse industries including the steel, food and beverage, electronics, health and pharmaceuticals, welding and construction. The company follows four dimensions for their sustainable development approach – create value, develop the potential, preserving life and the environment and innovating for tomorrow.

4. New Business

There may be opportunities to hold the CAP meetings at other locations. Attendees were asked if this is an option they would consider. There were no objections and some potential site suggestions were – a north end school (Benetto, Robert Land), community centres, somewhere in Ward 2 etc.

5. Community concerns/issues – Roundtable discussion

Karen reported that there was only one call on the HIEA answering service. This was an odour issue that could not be attributed to a HIEA member and was addressed accordingly.

Pat mentioned the noise she has heard before has been getting worse. This noise has been an issue before and Mike Brown had explained that it is caused by a company that is not a HIEA member when they pneumatically load rail cars. This time Pat followed the noise and found the railcars being loaded. Pat recently attended a community meeting hosted by Sam Merulla where they discussed the white flag campaign organized by Environment Hamilton. The results were very scattered. People questioned the purpose of this campaign. Karen indicated that the Clean Air Hamilton meeting she will be attending on Monday October 18 indicates that Katie Stiel will be giving a report to the committee so she will be able to bring this information back to CAP.

Participants were reminded that most of the HIEA member companies will have given presentations after November and we should consider ideas for topics for 2011 meetings. One suggestion was a presentation on the Wastewater Treatment plant.

Next Regular CAP Meeting

Date: Thursday November 11, 2010
Place: ArcelorMittal Dofasco Conference Room E
Presentations by Columbian Chemicals and Lafarge

Reported by Karen Logan