

**Minutes of the 13th Meeting of the
Kelly Air Force Base Restoration Advisory Board
5 February 1996
Price Elementary School**

Members and Alternates present:

Mr. Larry Bailey, RAB Base Co-Chair
Mr. Gary Beyer
Mr. Tom Culbertson
Mr. Allan Hagelthorn
Ms. Yolanda Johnson
Dr. Gene Lene
Mr. Kirk Lofton, alternate for Sam Sanchez
Mr. Tom Moore
Mr. Sam Murrah
Mr. Armando Quintanilla
Mr. George Rice
Mr. Nicholas Rodriguez Jr.
Mr. Juan Solis, RAB Community Co Chair
Mr. Edward Weinstein

Newly Approved Board Members

Ms. Annalisa Peace
Mr. Paul Roberson
Mr. Thomas Smith

Kelly Air Force Base Staff present:

Mr. Joe Ebert
Mr. Michael Estrada
Mr. Daniel Medina
Mr. Eupi Quiñones
Captain Ed Von Dran
Ms. Victoria Wark
Ms. Adrienne Williams

Members absent without Alternate:

Mr. Charles Ayala submitted written resignation
Mr. Roy Gill
Mr. Carl Mixon

Mr. Larry Bailey, Community Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. and announced that a quorum was present. No Changes to the agenda were recommended. A copy of the agenda is included as Attachment 1.

During his opening comments, Mr. Bailey announced that:

- Base Closure Agency people would be visiting in March.
- General Childress (Kelly AFB Air Logistics Center Commander) was planning to attend the March RAB meeting.
- He also announced that the Defense Environmental Restoration Task Force has asked to have a RAB meeting on 8 May 1996 to accommodate Ms. Sherri W. Goodman's [Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Environmental Security)] visit to Kelly AFB.

Item I: - Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Mr. Bailey asked for approval of previous (11 Dec. 95) RAB minutes. Mr. Quintanilla pointed out that "Leon Creek" (pg. 4, 1st para.) should be changed to "Six Mile Creek". Motion for approval of the minutes, as changed, was made and seconded. The motion passed.

Item II. - Membership Actions

Mr. Bailey placed three applications for RAB membership before the board. Ms. Annalisa Peace, Mr. Paul Roberson, and Mr. Thomas Smith were accepted as RAB members by vote of members present. The new members joined other board members at the table. Mr. Bailey noted that the board is now made up of twenty members and that an updated membership list, with names, addresses, and phone numbers, would be provided with the meeting minutes.

⇒ Disclosure Statement

Mr. Bailey reported that this issue had not been formalized in the board charter, but solicited indication of conflicts of interest from RAB members. He indicated that specifics of the conflict of interest were not needed, just a show of hands of those on the board who believed they might have some claim, litigation or other conflict of interest. Mr. Quintanilla indicated he needed to be excused from Zone 3 discussions because of a lawsuit currently filed in federal court. Mr. Rice indicated he was working with people to the north of Kelly, helping them to develop a sampling and analysis plan for soil and groundwater.

Item III. - Training for RAB Members (A copy of Mr. Estrada's presentation materials is attachment 2)

Mr. Estrada reported that Kelly had purchased two subscriptions to the Defense Environment Alert. One copy will be maintained by the community co-chair, Mr. Solis, and the other will be maintained in the Kelly AFB library. He indicated that the Library copy will be brought to the RAB meetings for member viewing. Mr. Estrada also explained that there is now "Homepage" access through the internet on the World Wide Web, that will contain information concerning the RAB, meeting dates, agendas, minutes,

etc. At the request of the RAB, meeting minutes also will be made available on the World Wide Web. This can be accessed at <http://www.kelly-afb.org>, and then clicking on Public Affairs, then clicking on Environmental and then clicking on IRP and, finally, clicking on RAB. Mr. Estrada indicated that anyone needing more information should contact him.

Mr. Estrada reported that attempts to get AFIT training for RAB members had been unsuccessful. He explained that the Air Force currently is unable to fund travel and per diem for private citizens.

Mr. Medina reported that there may be a training opportunity, on risk assessment, between 12 - 26 February through Armstrong Laboratories. The training will be a 3-to-4 hour session and can be done evenings or on a Saturday. He requested a show of hands from board members for the best date. Saturday 24 February, 8:00 a.m. to noon, was selected.

Item VI - Restoration Update (A copy of Mr. Medina's presentation materials is attachment 3)

⇒ **Personnel Changes**

Mr. Medina reported that Mr. Ronald Catchings, the Zone 3 point of contact, had left Kelly AFB. Mr. Roby Gregg and Mr. Eupi Quiñones will be assuming Zone 3 responsibilities. He also introduced Mr. Paul Hughes, who will be assuming responsibility for operations & maintenance of installed cleanup systems for Kelly AFB.

⇒ **Budget**

Mr. Medina reported that funding issues should not be a major obstacle this year for Kelly AFB. Kelly is fortunate that cleanup systems are already operating. Kelly is maintaining the same funding goals this year, working with AFMC and the Base Closure Agency (BCA). A question from the audience asked if any funding delays/issues could delay contracting actions? Mr. Medina responded that if such delays should occur, Kelly would address the highest priority requirements. In response to a question from Mr. Rice, Mr. Medina said that the off-base areas were among those highest priorities. In response to another audience question, Mr. Medina indicated that the Government will not purchase contaminated property.

⇒ **Accomplishments**

Mr. Medina briefly discussed Kelly's IRP accomplishments.

In response to questions Mr. Medina confirmed that TNRCC had issued final approval for Kelly's proposed groundwater actions for Zones 1, 2, and 3 and that a permit would be required. Mr. Beyer clarified the issue, relating that the final

approval was for the feasibility Study and that TNRCC has not yet looked at the Remedial Design.

⇒ **Schedules**

Mr. Medina briefly discussed the current work schedule for 1996.

In response to questions, Mr. Medina:

- stated that TNRCC guidelines for soils and groundwater would be used and that cleanup levels would be dependent on the various reuse activities proposed for specific areas.
- committed to setting up a meeting with the soils contractor and the Technical Subcommittee and other interested RAB members before the Zones 1, 2, and 3 Soils Public Meeting.
- stated that Kelly has known of groundwater contamination since the 1980s.
- informed the audience that Kelly sent out frequent mailings to community residents and interested individuals. He said that anyone not currently getting the mailings can get future mailings by giving their name and address to Mr. Estrada at the Kelly Public Affairs Office.
- stated that Kelly has not received any fines regarding contamination and cleanup activities.

In further response to a wide range of questions and concerns expressed by community residents in the audience, Mr. Solis (Community Co-chair) explained that everyone is working to resolve the issues and to clean up contamination. He explained that the process is not just Kelly AFB. It is Kelly working with the RAB and the community, overseen by TNRCC and EPA.

Mr. Bailey encouraged anyone with health concerns to let the RAB and Kelly know who they are, to put their names on a list so their concerns can be addressed by those best able to help such as Metropolitan Health District which had a representative at the meeting. He pointed out that such agencies as the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and the Air Force's Armstrong Laboratories are coming at the RAB's request to address health and risk data gaps. Mr. Bailey reiterated the Air Force's commitment to cleanup of contamination no matter how long it takes and no matter what happens to Kelly Air Force base -- the Air Force will clean it up.

In further response to a series of concerns expressed by members of the audience, Mr. Bailey and Kelly staff agreed to meet with audience members in a separate session during the break to hear and discuss their issues.

Item V - RAB Members - Clean-up Contractor Discussion.

Mr. Cliff Trimble, Contracting Officer for Environmental contracts at Kelly, introduced Major Didert, Chief of Acquisition Law at Kelly, to discuss and explain the legal and statutory constraints which restrict release of some information regarding contracts and contractors working for the Federal government and Kelly AFB. An overview of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) handout provided by Major Didert is attachment 4.

Major Didert responded to several questions and comments from the board and the audience. In summary, he stated that:

- Although there are very specific restrictions to release of certain information about contracts and contractors, there is an appeal process for anyone who feels that information has been inappropriately restricted.
- Beyond that, there are steps which any citizen can take to initiate change in the law through legislative process.
- Mr. Bailey pointed out that Kelly had probably had some 60 or 70 meetings with community and other groups (including the RAB) over the years. He emphasized that there is and has not been any cover-up of contamination information. Kelly has and will continue to release all information and data that is releasable.
- In response to a request from Mr. Quintanilla, Mr. Trimble said he would provide a list of current contractors, and Mr. Bailey offered to provide a summary of how much money has been spent on Kelly's IRP since 1986.

BREAK During the break, Mr. Bailey and staff met for about 35 minutes with concerned South San Antonio community members. At that meeting, Mr. Bailey set a date to meet with the South San Antonio community members at a special meeting on 26 February, specifically to hear and discuss how to address their concerns.

Item VI - Quintana Road Culvert Project (CoSA)

Mr. Vega, City of San Antonio, briefed the board concerning the status of the Quintana Road Culvert project. A three-page packet was provided to board members (attachment 5). Overhead slides provided corresponding information for the audience.

Engineer/Designers Fernandez, Frasier & White completed design and submitted plans to Kelly AFB and Utility companies for review. Environmental provisions have been incorporated. The new alignment minimizes any chance of encountering the significant contamination. The city will incorporate comments and put the plans out for bid. The process should take about three months and then the construction project will be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder. Construction should start in the fall of this year.

In response to questions from the audience, Mr. Vega explained that the project was to provide local drainage and is part of a much larger program to improve drainage throughout large areas of the city. He explained that this project would not address all of

South San Antonio's drainage problems, that it is part of a large program and attempts to fix the worst problems first within limited funding.

In response to concerns expressed about drainage and other problems in South San Antonio and the Quintana Road area, Mr. Vega and Mr. Don White explained that the city might have to identify a new project to re-address those issues.

Mr. Solis suggested that many of the concerns being aired should be taken to the appropriate councilperson. Mr. Vega reinforced this point by stating that if these issues are not taken up by the council, it won't get done.

Mr. Vega stated that this project would cost about \$7.8 million and that the Air Force was covering expenses over and above what it would have cost if the contamination from Kelly had not been encountered during initial construction.

In response to questions about construction inconvenience to the neighborhood, Mr. Vega acknowledged that the community would experience some inconvenience, but that access for emergency services, mail delivery, garbage pick up, etc. would be maintained.

Item VII - Subcommittees Reports.

- **Charter** Mr. Quintanilla submitted his resignation as chairman of the charter subcommittee. A motion to accept the resignation was made and seconded, and carried by show of hands. In response to a call for volunteers to fill the vacancy, Mr. Hagelthorn volunteered to chair the committee and Mr. Rice volunteered as alternate. A motion to approve the volunteers was made, seconded, and carried by show of hands.
- **Newsletter** Mr. Kirk Loften related status from Mr. Sanchez. He needs two committee members to work with him. Mr. Quintanilla volunteered to meet with Mr. Sanchez.
- **Technical** Mr. Rice informed the board that the technical subcommittee had not met since the last RAB meeting. He had three things he wanted to place before the board.
 1. He did not hold a technical subcommittee meeting.
 2. He sent a letter to General Childress (requesting a meeting) some 6 weeks ago and has not yet received a response. Mr. Estrada informed the board that the General's response had been earlier on Monday, 5 Feb. 96.

In response to a question, Mr. Estrada informed the board that the community would be invited to the meeting with General Childress.

3. Mr. Rice offered his alternative analysis of a cleanup option for the Quintana area which he says would shorten the cleanup to five or six years. The plan

would use 26 pumping wells and 38 injection wells. Mr. Haglethorn and Ms Williams pointed out inconsistencies in Mr. Rice's analysis and comparison with the Air Force's current preferred alternative.

Item VIII - New Business

Mr. Bailey reminded everyone of Ms. Goodman's visit in May and suggested the board choose a date in March for the next meeting. He then introduced Mr. Paul Roberson (new member) to talk about the Greater Kelly Redevelopment Corporation, of which he is a member. The Corporation will be the community's agency to work with the Air Force on privatization, and other opportunities, to create jobs before the base closes in 2001. He emphasized that the Air Force remains responsible, indefinitely, for cleanup of contamination at Kelly. The corporation's goal is to work with Kelly and monitor the actions. In response to questions from the audience, Mr. Roberson pointed out that most of the contamination from Kelly operations occurred before there were rules and regulations against it and before there was awareness that it was causing a problem. Asked if it was safe to keep "Kelly-like" operations near a residential community, he pointed out that "the reality is that Kelly is a large facility and represents a major investment and opportunities for the community to make use of." He pointed out that all activities, now and future, would have to comply with TNRCC and EPA rules and regulations.

Item IX - Review/Plan Next Meeting

Agenda:

- Armstrong Laboratories review
- New Well Data
- Technology Subcommittee Meeting Results
- Submit additional items to Co-Chairs

Time/Place

- Price Elementary School, 6:00 p.m., 18 March 1996 (dependent on General Childress' schedule) was suggested by Mr. Bailey. Motion to accept was made, seconded, and carried by show of hands.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Attachments:

1. Agenda
2. Mr. Estrada's Presentation Materials -- Training for RAB Members
3. Mr. Medina's Presentation Materials -- Restoration Update
4. Major Didert's Presentation Materials -- Freedom Of Information Act
5. Mr. Vega's Presentation Materials -- CoSA Quintana Road Culvert Project

