

Final Draft
Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting Minutes
Former Kelly Air Force Base, TX
Kennedy High School

February 10, 2004

Attendees:

Mr. Ruben Peña, RAB Community Representative Co-Chair
Mr. Daniel Gonzales, RAB Community Representative
Mr. Sergio Rodriguez, RAB Community Representative
Mr. Rodrigo Garcia, RAB Community Representative
Ms. Sandra Converse, RAB Community Representative
Mr. Mike DeNuccio, RAB Community Representative
Mr. Sam Murrah, RAB Community Representative
Mr. Michael Sheneman, RAB Community Representative
Mr. Pete Muzquiz, RAB Community Representative
Ms. Esmeralda Galvan, re-elected RAB Community Representative
Mr. Henry Galindo, newly elected RAB Community Representative
Ms. Carol Vaquera, newly elected RAB Community Representative
Mr. Armando Quintanilla, RAB Community Alternate for Mr. George Rice
Mr. Adam Antwine, RAB Government Co-Chair, Air Force Real Property Agency (AFRPA)
Mr. William Ryan, AFRPA
Mr. Douglas Karas, AFRPA
Mr. Gary Martin, Greater Kelly Development Authority (GKDA)
Ms. Kyle Cunningham, San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health)
Ms. Linda Kaufman, Metro Health
Mr. Gary Miller, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)
Ms. Abigail Power, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
Ms. Robyn Thompson, Booz Allen Hamilton (Booz Allen)
Ms. Megan Mabee, Booz Allen
Ms. Susan Hook, Booz Allen
Ms. Stephanie Trevino, Booz Allen
Dr. David Smith, Smith and Associates (Facilitator)
Ms. Brittany Watts, Smith and Associates
Ms. Cheryl Narvaez
Ms. Blanca Hernandez
Mr. Frederick Magee
Ms. Grace Cisneros
Reverend Bee Dee Doublet
Mr. Ben Galvan
Ms. Denise Heirl
Mr. Jim Clay
Mr. Pete James
Mr. Hector Morales, Congressman Ciro Rodriguez's Office

Members Absent:

Mr. Nazirite Perez, RAB Community Member

Mr. Robert Silvas, RAB Community Member

Mr. Paul Person, re-elected RAB Community Representative

The meeting began at 6:34 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions**Mr. Ruben Peña**

Mr. Ruben Peña welcomed all the RAB members and meeting attendees. He stated that there was a quorum at the meeting to hold the second round of RAB board elections and vote. The meeting attendees recited the pledge of allegiance and observed a moment of silence. Dr. David Smith introduced himself as the facilitator and asked RAB members to introduce themselves. He said that the meeting had a single purpose, which was to appoint new members to fill vacant positions on the RAB.

Explanation of Appointment Process**Dr. David Smith**

Dr. Smith explained the election process. He said there are four positions open on the RAB. Three people will be elected for two-year terms, and one person will be elected for a one-year term to fill the seat of Gene Lené, who resigned. He explained that the candidates that are present and available to speak may step up to the microphone and have up to three minutes to speak about themselves and their interest in joining the RAB. He stated that a candidate must have more than half of the votes of community members present to be appointed. He asked the community members to review their packets for the applications and ballots.

He noted that Mr. Paul Person, Mr. Henry Galindo, Mr. Adolfo Hernandez, Ms. Carol Vaquera, Mr. Frederick Magee, and Ms. Esmeralda Galvan are on ballot. All were present with the exception of Mr. Hernandez.

Oral Presentations**RAB Candidates**

Dr. Smith called out the names of the candidates in the order in which they are listed on the ballot to give their speeches. He stated that Mr. Person previously notified Ms. Brittany Watts and the RAB community co-chairs that he was unable to attend the meeting but would still like to be considered. Mr. Hernandez was not present and had not contacted the RAB co-chairs, and was therefore, unable to participate. The remaining applicants were present.

Mr. Galindo stated he would like to be appointed to the RAB. He is currently the director of transportation and maintenance support at Harlandale Independent School District. He resides near the former Kelly Air Force Base. He said his father was a 30-year civil servant at Kelly and supported his family through his work at Kelly. He explained that his interest in being appointed to the RAB is twofold. He believes in communication and in partnerships that work for the betterment of the community, and he thinks that a solid partnership between the AFRPA and the community helps to ensure that the Kelly cleanup will be successful and productive. He said he understands that being a part of the board is a commitment to be available to communicate with members of the community and interest groups, review documents, and provide input. He stated that he recognized he will be expected to attend meetings regularly and as needed. He reiterated

that he understands these requirements and will meet them if appointed. He concluded that he wants to gather as much information as possible about the cleanup, especially about the plume that extends into Harlandale ISD in order to keep the community informed.

Ms. Vaquera said she has been a part of the community for over 30 years and lives on Kirk Street. She said she is a retired clerk registrar and would like to be a link between the community and the RAB. She concluded that she would appreciate their vote and would make it to all the meetings.

Mr. Magee said he was retired from Sheffield community service. He said he has been the president of his neighborhood association for five years, vice president for two years and served as an officer the remainder of the eight years the association has been in existence. He stated that he lives near Marbach and 410, and there are many people that live in that area that worked at Kelly for many years that need more information. He concluded by saying he has been active in his neighborhood for years and would like to be a part of the board.

Ms. Galvan stated that she was a previous member of the RAB for two years. She lived in East Kelly for 40 years and worked at Building 360 at Kelly. She said she is here because she is concerned for the residents, for the children, and for the elderly in the area. She wants to make sure the area is safe. She informed the board that she spoke to the engineer installing the Permeable Reactive Barrier (PRB) on 34th Street, which is a major concern to her. She noted she is concerned about testing of local fruits and nuts, vapor monitoring, and the cleanup as a whole. She stated that she knows that the base is doing the best it can, but she is concerned about the newness of the barrier systems and how well they work. She concluded that she is not there for compensation, but for the health and safety of the neighborhood.

Voting Results and Appointment of New Members

Dr. David Smith

Dr. Smith clarified that Mr. Hernandez is not here so his name must again be scratched from the ballot. During the first round of voting, Mr. Galindo and Ms. Vaquera were elected.

Mr. Galindo received eight votes, and Ms. Vaquera received nine. Dr. Smith announced that they would conduct another round of voting to fill the third seat. At this time, they needed to vote for one person. Dr. Smith interrupted the process to announce that Mr. Michael Sheneman had arrived and would join the meeting. The voting process would now require that applicants receive six votes to be elected.

During the second and third rounds, none of the applicants received six votes. Mr. Peña remarked that the RAB had reached a standstill and asked the board parliamentarian for guidance. Mr. Mike DeNuccio said the voting process does not have to be blind. Mr. Sergio Rodriguez made a motion to vote for the person who had received the most votes from the second and third round, Ms. Galvan. Mr. Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion was approved, and Ms. Galvan was appointed. Mr. Peña said there was still one more round of voting to complete to fill the one-year term resulting from Dr. Lené's resignation. He added that Mr. Person and Mr. Magee were the remaining candidates eligible for this round.

Mr. Person was appointed with eight votes in the fourth round to complete Dr. Lené's term. Dr. Smith reminded interested parties that they can be included in the pool of alternates if they choose, and he encouraged them to do so.

Community Co-Chair Welcomes New Members

Mr. Ruben Peña

Mr. Peña welcomed the new members and asked them to come to the table to be seated with the other board members. He thanked Mr. Magee for his time and participation at the election meeting and stated that Mr. Magee's name would be placed in the RAB alternate pool.

Meeting Wrap-up

Dr. David Smith

Announcements included the following:

- Action items to be addressed during next RAB meeting
- RAB member orientation will be held February 23, 2004
- RAB member workshop will be held March 9, 2004
- Next RAB meeting — Tuesday, April 20, 2004
- Next TRS meeting — June 8, 2004

Mr. Peña stated that the RAB orientation on February 23, 2004, is for new RAB members and any current members. The March 9, 2004, RAB event is a member workshop for everyone to get together to review the charter for revision. He encouraged everyone to attend and participate in the RAB orientation and workshop.

Mr. Peña recommended Mr. DeNuccio continue to be the RAB parliamentarian due to the wonderful job he did last year. Mr. Adam Antwine agreed, and the decision was made by the co-chairs to appoint him as such. Mr. DeNuccio requested that the Air Force staff consider rescheduling the April 20, 2004, meeting due to San Antonio's Fiesta, as members may not be able to attend. Mr. Peña asked Ms. Watts to call members as well as update everyone at the orientation.

Mr. Antwine thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He said he appreciated their interest in the Kelly cleanup, and AFRPA looks forward to working with them in the future.

Mr. Quintanilla said a group of people came to the meeting with questions, and he wanted to make a suggestion that they be heard. He said they were going to present their questions at the TRS, but due to its cancellation they brought them to the RAB meeting. Mr. Peña stated that they specifically prepared the agenda to hold elections and did not plan for a community comment period. He asked the board members if they were willing to stay to hear the questions. The board agreed, and Mr. Peña concluded that the floor is open for those persons to come forward and address the board. They each had up to three minutes, and when completed, turned in their Request for Information form and a copy of their questions to Ms. Watts.

Reverend Bee Dee Doublet and Ms. Grace Cisneros addressed the board by reading a series of typed questions. (See attachment A)

Mr. Peña thanked the speakers and closed the community comment period. He said the board cannot answer their questions during the meeting but will take the questions into consideration and back to the executive committee to review. He requested they provide Ms. Watts with a copy of the requests.

Mr. Antwine invited people to come and visit AFRPA for a briefing or tour. He said he would be happy to address neighborhood groups regarding Kelly clean-up issues. He concluded that visitors should call in advance to let the staff know they are coming. AFRPA is in a secured facility and may not be able to accommodate visitors that do not have appointments.

Mr. Quintanilla said he saw an article in last week's *San Antonio Express-News* regarding a Boeing zinc spill. He made a motion to get a report at the next RAB meeting. Ms. Galvan seconded. Ms. Abigail Powers asked Mr. Quintanilla to clarify the advertisement he saw. He responded that SAWS reported a significant zinc spill into the wastewater system in 2003. Mr. Peña asked him to provide a copy of the advertisement. He responded that he gave one to Mr. Doug Karas. All were in favor of the motion. Mr. Garcia requested that Mr. Antwine provide drafts of the Environmental Impact Statement from Austin to hand out to all the RAB members. Mr. Antwine said he would take care of the issue.

Mr. Peña motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Murrah and Mr. Muzquiz seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.