

**Kelly Air Force Base Restoration Advisory Board Meeting May 21, 1997 6 p.m.
Dwight Middle School**

Members/Alternates present:

Ms. Annalisa Peace, RAB Community Co-Chair
Mr. Carl Mixon
Dr. Gene Len6
Mr. Parker Wilson (Mr. Gary Beyer's alt)
Ms Camille Hueni
Mr. Paul Roberson
Mr. John A. Jacobi

Mr. Edward Riojas, Jr., RAB Base Co-Chair
Mrs. Yolanda Johnson
Mr. George Rice
Mr. Edward Weinstein
Mr. Armando Quintanilla
Mr. Allan Hagelthorn (also Mr. Person's alt) Mr.
Larry Hoffman

Members absent without Alternate:

Mr. Sam Murrah
Mr. Juan Solis, Sr.

Mr. Nicholas Rodriguez, Jr.
Mr. Sam Sanchez

Item I: Call to Order

A. Meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m., Mr. Edward Riojas, Jr., RAB Base Co-Chair conducting.

1. Mr. Riojas opened the meeting by reading the purpose of the RAB as stated in tho: *Restoration Advisory Board Resource Book*.
- Members were told that these books have been ordered for each RAB member, but have not yet arrived. A copy of the Proposed Restoration Advisory Board Rule as published in the Federal Register was in their packets.

B. The RAB members introduced themselves.

Item II: Discussion/Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved without change.

Item III: Administrative Topics

A. Vote on New Members.

- 1^o Two candidates, Mr. Larry Hoffmann, representing the Regional Clean Air and Water Association, and Mr. John Jacobi, with the Texas Department of Health, introduced themselves and gave brief statements as to why they would like to be considered for the RAB.

Mr. Armando Quintanilla asked if they both resided in Bexar County. He said the application specifically says that the candidate must reside within Bexar County or work at or near Kelly AFB. Mr. Jacobi indicated he lived in Travis County. Mr. Riojas said that this requirement is waived, since he represented a state agency just as it is for other state and federal agencies' representatives.

3. Votes were tabulated by Dr. Gene Len6 and Mr. Quintanilla. Both candidates were voted in by simple majority.

Mr. Riojas said that with the addition of these members, four vacancies remain on the board. He indicated that two additional applications had been received recently and they would be sent to the RAB members for their review. Their applications will be voted on at the next meeting.

B.

As a result of the presentation given by Dr. Yana Bland at the last meeting, Mr. Riojas sent a letter to both the state and city health departments requesting they perform a scientific health study in the area to determine if there are health problems, and if so, what is the cause. (See attached letters.)

C. Frequency of RAB Meetings.

1. Responding to requests for more frequent meetings, Mr- Riojas proposed RAB meetings be held every two months. The motion was passed by the board.

Item IV: Community Discussion

Mrs. Herminia Gomez, a resident of the Quintana Road area for 52 years described an incident in the fall of 1996 when she smelled fuel. She called Kelly AFB and base personnel showed up an hour later. By then the smell was gone, yet a perfectly healthy cat was struggling for breath. She said further investigations by Kelly AFB turned up nothing. She wanted to know what was going to be done, as she continues to experience the smell from time to time.

Ms. Dominga Adames, a resident of North Kelly Gardens thanked Mr. Riojas for considering the community's health by asking for the study. She said she had read the letter from General Curtis (see attachment) and was confused. She said there is a double standard. In one part of the letter, it says the Air Force will clean up the contamination, but in another part it says there is no problem. She said it is contradictory. She also complained of late night operations at the fuel tanks. She said they were disturbing her. She said truck traffic along Growden Road has increased recently. She said the city recently canceled the bus route through the neighborhood because of the pollution she thought. Now trucks come through more than once per hour and bring more pollution. She also said she is still waiting for the promised visit to the waste treatment plant.

Mr. Riojas said General Curtis' letter was simply a statement that the Air Force will clean up any contamination it caused and that (it was stating that) there was no evidence of any

health problems related to the contamination. He told her that Mr. Denton Lankford from Kelly's Environmental Management office will contact her during the break and arrange a tour of the waste treatment plant for tomorrow.

Item V: GKDC Master Plan

A. Mr. Paul Roberson of Greater Kelly Development Corporation gave a presentation on the master plan for redeveloping Kelly. See attached slides.

1. The Master Plan is only one of several important documents people should take the time to review.
2. There are already two tenants: Pratt & Whitney and Rail Car America.
3. GKDC has an agreement to take over the operation of East Kelly and the Waste Treatment Plant.

B. Questions and Comments.

Mr. Quintanilla asked if the local school districts will benefit from the transferring of property. Mr. Roberson said that it will become city property, and is not taxable. However, any property tenants bring will be taxable.

Mr. Quintanilla asked if Rail Car America, a tenant, will be fixing tank cars. Mr. Roberson said they will not be doing any environmentally sensitive work. Their primary job is to fix automobile carrier cars.

Mr. Quintanilla said the Environmental Impact Statement indicated that the redevelopment will bring increased noise to the neighborhood. Mr. Roberson said the EIS assumed an increase in flight operations. He said any increase in flying will mean an increase in noise.

Mr. Quintanilla asked how surrounding property will be zoned. Mr. Roberson said GKDC will be sensitive to the surrounding land, and they are concerned about compatibility.

Ms. Annalisa Peace, Community Co-chair, asked if the hiking and biking trails along Leon Creek will be extended through Kelly. Mr. Roberson said that is a good idea, and he would like to discuss it further.

Mr. Roberson said the Master Plan is available at the public libraries and the police' substations.

Item VI: RAB Training

- A. Ms. Camille Hueni, Environmental Protection Agency, gave a short presentation on Lead and Environmental Justice education. See attached slide.
- B. Ms. Hueni reported that the Risk Assessment on lead in North Kelly Gardens is currently being finalized. If anyone would like to talk to the expert on the model used, call Maria Marfinez at EPA at 214-665-7577.

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Mr. Quintanilla said the major concern about lead is for the children. He would like training materials made available to the schools and parents. Ms. Peace said she had provided the community's health study result to area schools.

- 2. Mr. Lankford said Kelly has lead information packages in both English and Spanish which he would provide upon request.
- 3. Mr. Riojas said this will be an excellent topic for an upcoming InfoFair.
- C. On the topic of Environmental Justice, Ms. Hueni proposed a presentation at the next meeting from a member of EPA staff. She asked for suggestions on topics for the presentation.

- 1. Mr. Riojas said he recently attended a conference on Environmental Justice and thought it would be an appropriate presentation.

- D. Mr. Lankford gave a brief report on fuel dumping. He said he researched both the Base's History Office and Public Affairs Office and found no records of fuel dumping.

Item VII: Subcommittee Reports

- A. Mr. George Rice gave a report on the technical subcommittee meeting held May 13.

1. Soil Sampling in North Kelly Gardens

- a) He said the Air Force has changed its position on the soil north of Growden Road. They used to say it was native soil: Now they say they don't know what it is. He said the neighborhood should be sampled.

2. Air Sampling

- a) Southwest Research Institute is developing a sampling plan for JP-8. It will take samples in worst-case operating conditions. Worst case did not include fuel spills.

The RAB will be involved in the sampling plan.

- b) Several questions were asked for the contractor to research. Can the data be used to calculate what may have happened in the past when more volatile fuels were used? Can the data be used to predict what would happen in a spill? What will it cost?

B. Zone 3 Cleanup

- lo The Air Force contractor, SAIC, gave the presentation. Mr. Rice said he likes the idea of optimizing the cleanup systems as they are built. He is concerned about not knowing the cost or the time needed to clean-up. He said SAIC's plan to have cleanup systems in place in two years seemed optimistic. He asked for a report on the cleanup of Quintana Road. SAIC said they are not responsible for that project.
- Co He said the Navarro Clay should not be considered to be impermeable. He said groundwater issues should not stop at the Navarro and that we need to be aware that contamination could exist in and below the Navarro.
- D. Mr. Rice brought up the issue of whether the soil sampled off Growden road was fill or natural. He accused the Air Force of changing their position.
1. Mr. Riojas asked Mr. Rice to confine his remarks to his report from the subcommittee meeting.
 2. Ms. Peace said that it serves no purpose to continue sampling near Growden Road and that samples should be taken in the neighborhood.
- Ms. Hueni said any discussion based on the Armstrong Labs lead report should be tabled until the report is final. Mr. Gary Beyer, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, said the lead could come from several sources and that they would like to look at the issue, as well.
- E. Mr. Rice said the plume of contamination at Quintana Road appears to be larger than the Air Force will admit. He said it appears the Air Force is withholding crucial sampling data from wells. He asked that this issue be researched. Mr. Riojas said this is a matter for the technical subcommittee to take up at its next meeting.
- F. Mr. Rice proposed another meeting to discuss clean-up plans and design at Quintana Road and data availability.
1. He asked to hold the meeting off base, as was discussed at the last RAB meeting. The meeting will be held June 24, 25, or 26. RAB members will be notified.
 2. Mr. Riojas said the technical subcommittee is not a public meeting and since Air Force resources and people are used, it will be held on base.

3. Mr. Rice said that decision should be made by the RAB, not by Mr. Riojas. He also stated the Air Force had a plan to replace him as the technical subcommittee chairman. *Amended to read "...stated that Mr. Larry Bailey had told him the Air Force intended to replace him ..."* Mr. Riojas he didn't know anything about that.
4. Ms. Peace said holding it on base has posed problems for people wishing to attend. She thinks it should be an open meeting. Because it is a subcommittee of the RAB, it should be subject to RAB rules.
- g. Mr. Quintanilla suggested some kind of dispute resolution process be implemented to avoid arguments over procedure. He said a facilitator would be a good idea.

1. Mr. Riojas suggested a subcommittee be formed to address these issues.

H Mr. Larry Bailey, Kelly AFB Environmental Management, addressed the topics of the technical subcommittee meeting.

1. Soil sampling in North Kelly Gardens

- a) The soil sampling was done in response to community concerns. He said Southwest Research Institute oversaw the sampling: The conclusions were as follows: Lead did not exist in the soil at levels that would cause a health concern. What lead was in the soil, did not come from the Base. A formal report is being written and will be given to the state and federal regulators as well as Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). The regulators will review the data and determine if the samples taken were valid. ,~ If they disagree, the Air Force will take more samples.
- b) Mr. Rice asked if the Air Force has changed its position. Mr. Bailey said no. Mr. Rice asked if it was fill material. Mr. Bailey said that was not relevant to what they were trying to find out.

2. Zone 3 Cleanup

- a) Mr. Bailey said the optimization concept will save time and money in the cleanup of the sites. He said that certain information regarding the cleanup is not available because of a pending lawsuit against the Base. He said Air Force lawyers can address the issue at the technical subcommittee meeting.

3. Mr. Quintanilla asked if this was reducing the 30-year plan. Mr. Bailey said yes.

I. Mr. Rice asked the technical subcommittee meetings be taped. Mr. Riojas agreed.

A short break was taken.

Item VII: New Business

- A. Mr. Bailey outlined the IRP budget. His point paper outlined ranges of cost and time estimates (see attached). He said the air sampling study will cost between \$30,000 and \$50,000. He also said all cleanup systems will be in place by 2001. All cleanup goals will be met by 2014 and monitoring will continue until 2030.
- Mr. Rice said he wanted an accounting of the RAB's budget. He wants to know how much money is available to the RAB, what is being spent, and whom it is being spent on. He would like that report at the next RAB meeting.
- B. Mr. Riojas asked to form an administrative subcommittee. The board agreed and Mr. Riojas, Mr. Quintanilla, Ms. Peace, Mr. Rice and Ms. Hueni will form the committee. Mr. Rice suggested a facilitator for the meetings. Mr. Riojas said that will be considered.
1. Ms. Hilary Naab, Kelly Environmental Attorney, will coordinate meeting date, time and location.

Item VIII: Community Statements

Ms. Adames asked if the night operations at the fuel tanks could be ceased. They are very disturbing to her. Mr. Riojas said he would look into it and make a report. She also asked how the transfer of Air Force property to the city will affect her property values. Ms. Peace said if she has a problem with her property appraisal, she knows someone who could help.

Christina Flores, a resident of North Kelly Gardens, said she is trying to sell her house. She asked if she is required to disclose if there is contamination beneath her property. She said she wants to move but is afraid that disclosing this information will not allow her to sell her house for what it is worth. Mr. Riojas referred her to Ms. Naab to discuss the issue further.

Mr. Quintanilla mentioned that on a recent Sunday morning at 5:30, they were conducting flight operations. He thought that was too early. Mr. Riojas agreed and said he would try to ensure it would not happen again.

Item X: Next RAB Meeting

- A. The next meeting will be held July 28 at 6 p.m. at Dwight Middle School (pending availability).
- B. Action/Agenda Items
1. Report from Dr. Legator, regarding the community health study
 2. Report from the Administrative Subcommittee
 3. Environmental Justice Presentation from the EPA

4. IRP Update
5. RAB Budget Report
6. Technical Subcommittee Report
7. Report from Mr. Riojas on night operations at the tanks

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Attachments 1. Agenda