

Kelly Air Force Base Restoration Advisory Board Workshop
19 September 2000 6:30 p.m.
Kelly AFB Chapel

Members/Alternates Present:

Community Members:

Dr. Gene Lené
RAB Community Co-Chair
Mr. George Rice
Ms. Peggy Grybos
Mr. Phillip Farrell (Mr. Roberson's alt), GKDA
Ms. Tanya Huerta
Mr. Paul Person
Mr. Scott Lampright (Mr. Mixon's alt.)
Mr. Sam Murrah
Mrs. Dominga Adames
Mr. Tony Martinez

Public Members:

Mr. Adam Antwine, (Mr. McCullough's Alt.)
RAB Installation Co-Chair
Mr. John A. Jacobi, TDH
Mr. Sam Sanchez, SAMHD

Members Absent Without Alternate:

Mr. Názirite Pérez	Ms. Laura Stankosky
Mr. Mark Puffer	Mr. Mark Weegar
Mr. Alfred Rocha	Mr. Nicolas Rodriguez, Jr., BMWD
Mr. Roy Botello	Mr. Edward Weinstein
Ms. Annalisa Peace	Mr. Armando Quintanilla
Mr. Kent Iglesias	

I. Call to Order

- A. Dr. Gene Lené, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- B. Mr. John Folk-Williams explained that this workshop is designed to allow the RAB to work in parallel with the upcoming September 25 public forum. He also reviewed the meeting goals.

II. Review of the Shallow Groundwater Decision Process

- A. Mr. William Ryan, Air Force Base Conversion Agency (AFBCA), walked the RAB through the decision process. He pointed out that the Air Force usually develops a set of solutions and then asks the community to comment. However, in the case of Kelly AFB the Air Force is first gathering community concerns, issues, and options for the cleanup and will then incorporate them into potential solution sets. Those potential solutions will be evaluated by the community and their recommendations will be featured in the Draft Corrective Measures Study (CMS) submitted to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) (see Attachment 1).
 - B. Discussion:
 - Q - Mr. George Rice asked if the CMS was available.
 - A - Mr. Ryan said the report would not be ready until March. However, the
- Comment: Mr. Sam Sanchez stated that taking all the comments and correlating them

into a solution was a complicated process.

Comment: Ms. Tanya Huerta expressed concern that the public does not have the expertise to evaluate the solutions. Ms. Huerta questioned the community's ability and technical expertise to take public input and convert it to criteria. She is not comfortable with what happens between the first stage of public meetings, which is to evaluate and recommend options and the second stage, which has the Air Force submitting the CMS with, recommended options to the TNRCC.

Response: Mr. Ryan said that to date three public meetings had been held to collect community issues and concerns. Each potential solution would be looked at in light of the criteria derived from the public input. At the next RAB workshop, the RAB had to take a hard look at the criteria and remedy elements. The Air Force (AF) wants the community to look at the developed criteria to make sure it addresses their concerns.

A - Mr. Ryan said that this is done for each potential solution set and will be presented in December.

Comment: Several RAB members expressed concern that not enough of the public was involved, and that the material should be simplified.

Comment: Ms. Peggy Grybos suggested that the inclusion of a survey, as part of a newsletter, would be a good way to get more input.

Response: Mr. Ryan said that her input would be considered.

Q - Mr. Sam Murrah asked if soil cleanup would be addressed.

A - Mr. Ryan said soil cleanup would be addressed as part of the shallow groundwater cleanup.

Q - Mr. Martinez asked if the TNRCC would be holding public meetings on the CMS.

A - Mr. Ryan said that is the AF's responsibility, and two educational/information meetings would be held. The AF would hold one meeting dedicated to receiving public comments.

Comment: Mrs. Dominga Adames complained that meeting notices were not arriving in a timely manner. She offered to pass notices to her neighbors.

Response: Ms. Vanessa Musgrave, AFBCA, told her they were aware of the delays and were working to correct the problem.

Comment: Mrs. Adames complained that by the time the neighborhoods find out anything, everything is already done.

Response: Mr. Ryan assured her that nothing had been decided on the CMS Zone 4.

III. Discuss Criteria to Evaluate Future Potential Alternative

A. Mr. Tim Underwood, AFBCA Contractor, led a discussion on the criteria used in evaluating potential solution alternatives. He explained the AF is not screening the criteria input, but accepting it. The goal is to ensure that all of the remedy elements the community wants are included. In order to obtain the community-based solution, it is important that the discussion on criteria be within the community.

B. Discussion:

Comment: Ms. Huerta questioned the technical nature of the wording from the introduction through the draft criteria. She also stated that she could not recognize the community's words. Ms. Grybos joined her in stating that the contractor was

paraphrasing the community's concerns and, in some cases, excluding parts such as timelines. For her example she said the comment that six years to clean up the groundwater had been excluded from the community concerns.

Response: Ms. Musgrave explained that many people had offered similar criteria with different time periods being suggested. It was agreed that a range of years would be used.

Response: Mr. Underwood and Ms. Musgrave said it would be worked on.

Comment: Mr. Sam Sanchez pointed out that they were being placed into broad categories Ms. Grybos suggested the headings read "Broad Categories of Concerns."

Response: Mr. Underwood agreed with her and said that he would look at making a change.

Comment: Mr. Rice said many of the comments on cleanup that he had heard at the forums were not listed. That, and the way the criteria are written calls into question the motives of the individuals who put it together.

Comment: Mr. Tony Martinez said the community is being told the solutions are based on their comments, but the comments have been generalized, and the community needs to be told that.

Response: Ms. Musgrave stated they had 264 to 274 comments already, and that everyone would receive a response. The list of questions/comments continues to grow. Mr. Underwood said that every factual question would get a factual answer.

Comment: Ms. Huerta commented that the list of comments needed to be available to show people. The comments should not be generalized, but they should state what was actually said.

Response: Ms. Musgrave suggested the AF could also show the comment and the paraphrased criteria. Mr. Adam Antwine said they could cross-reference concerns with criteria. Everyone agreed that this would be a good solution to a potential problem and would clarify the issue.

Comment: Mr. Rice asked where, in the criteria, the environmental justice issues were addressed.

Response: Mr. Underwood stated that some environmental justice items were addressed in the criteria, but since some did not apply to the cleanup, they were not addressed. He cited the examples of equal pay for equal work and more jobs as comments that are not part of the cleanup actions. Ms. Musgrave pointed out that those comments, which they could not address, would be forwarded to the right people and agencies for answers.

Comment: Mr. Rice wanted water reinjection listed as a cleanup technology.

C. Further comments on the materials to be used at the September public forum can be given to Ms. Musgrave. Her telephone number is 925-2205.

IV. RAB's Role at the Next Community-Based Solution Public Forum

A. Ms. Musgrave and Mr. Underwood described the format for the September public forum meeting. The plan was for small groups to visit the various technology poster stations. At each station, they would get a briefing on that technology. Those manning

the stations would answer questions and record any comments. Spanish speakers would be available either with the group or at the poster station. The small group leaders would provide an overall presentation of the community-based solution program and work with the groups in developing criteria and categories of concern. The group leaders would also solicit potential solution suggestions.

B. Discussion:

Comment: Ms. Huerta asked for more tables at the public forums besides those already identified. Mr. Sanchez suggested a health table manned by the AF or SAMHD. Mr. Rice asked for something that would explain property rights and deed restrictions.

Response: Mr. Underwood suggested tables on health solutions and property values. He also pointed out that there was a complaint from the last meeting of there being too many tables.

Comment: Ms. Huerta suggested displaying an organization chart of who is responsible for what action.

Response: Mr. Underwood agreed; he said it would be done.

Comment: Dr. Lené asked if the RAB should be represented with a RAB poster explaining who they are and what they do. He volunteered to man the table.

Response: The RAB agreed that would be a good idea.

V. Meeting Wrap Up

A. Mr. Antwine reminded new members that the offer for an orientation tour was still open. Interested members were directed to Ms. Musgrave.

B. Mr. Antwine also reported progress is being made on the removal of fuel tanks located near Growdon Drive. Every effort is being made to minimize disruption in the area due to the removal actions. A tour of the area and a removal activity timetable would be available in the next 30 days. Mr. Dick Walters, Public Affairs, will get with Mrs. Adames to ensure the North Kelly Garden neighbors can participate.

VI. Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Attachments

1. Community Workshop and Zone 4 CMS Process handout