

Kelly Air Force Base Restoration Advisory Board Meeting
5 October 1999 6:30 p.m.
Dwight Middle School

Members/Alternates Present:

Public Members:

Brig. Gen. Robert M. Murdock
RAB Installation Co-Chair
Mr. Gordon Banner
TNRCC
Ms. Laura Stankosky
EPA
Mr. John A. Jacobi
TDH
Mr. Sam Sanchez
Metropolitan Health District
Mr. Pat McCullough
AFBCA
Mr. Edward Weinstein
SAWS

Community Members:

Dr. Gene Lené
RAB Community Co-Chair
Mr. Sam Murrah
Mrs. Dominga Adames
Mr. Philip Farrell
Greater Kelly Development Corp.
Mr. Armando Quintanilla
Mr. Kent Iglesias & Alt. Mr. John Herndon
Ms. Tanya Huerta
Mrs. Yolanda Johnson
Mr. George Rice
Mr. Roy Huff, Alt. for Mr. Mixon
Mr. Paul Person
Mr. Mark Puffer

Members Absent Without Alternate:

Mr. Juan Solis, Sr.
Ms. Annalisa Peace
Mr. Roy Botello
Mr. Nicolas Rodriguez, Jr.

I. Call to Order

- A. Brig. Gen. Robert M. Murdock, called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.
- B. Gen. Murdock asked the RAB members to introduce themselves.

II. Administrative Topics

- A. General Murdock presented responses to the Action Items noted from the last meeting of the RAB, as follows:
 1. The environmental restoration update presentation requested by Ms. Tanya Huerta is included with the previous meeting's minutes. Ms. Huerta stated it was satisfactory.
 2. As requested, a fact sheet on drinking water standards is included in the information packet.
 3. Copies of the presentation slides for this meeting were included in the information packages, as requested, with the exception of the copies for the presentation to be given by the TAPP contractor. Those slides will be sent out with the minutes.
 4. Ms. Huerta has accepted the Air Force's invitation to come to the base to discuss cleanup issues. This meeting will occur at a later date.
 5. At Ms. Yolanda Johnson's request, information on the cleanup at Site S-1 was provided to her.
 6. A letter was sent to RAB members inviting their participation in the workshop planning session. Gen. Murdock thanked those who took part and invited everyone to attend the 7 October workshop.

7. The slides of the Greater Kelly Development Corp (GKDC) and the Air Force Base Conversion Agency (AFBCA) presentations were included with the minutes of the last meeting.
 8. A chronology of the cleanup program is under development by the Kelly staff and should be completed for distribution in November.
 9. General Murdock and Mr. Armando Quintanilla met and discussed Mr. Quintanilla's questions about Kelly's relative risk priorities. Kelly will make a presentation on those priorities. The meeting was the result of a letter from Mr. Armando Quintanilla, a copy of which is included in the information packet along with the Air Force's response.
- B. Mr. George Rice requested an answer to a question he posed at the April RAB meeting. The question concerned Base Closure Team (BCT) meeting items withheld from the RAB and the reasons for withholding them.
1. Ms. Mary Kelly, attorney for Kelly AFB, replied that the question has been answered before and restated the answer: All BCT materials that are releasable to the public under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) have been and will continue to be provided to the RAB without any special request. All other items not subject to FOIA, such as internal draft documents, will not be provided to the RAB.
- C. Term Expirations
1. Dr. Gene Lené, Community Co-chair, explained that several RAB members' terms will expire at the end of the year. He said the RAB will offer applications to these members to be considered for continuation on the board. He also said he would like to extend those members' terms one month so that they remain on the board through the January 2000 meeting. It was so moved, seconded, and approved.
- D. July Meeting Minutes
1. The minutes for the July 1999 RAB meeting were approved without change.

III. Community Statements

A public meeting was held prior to the RAB meeting concerning cleanup plans at Zone 1 and Site S-4. Many of the statements made by community members concerned those plans. The full text of their statements is included as Attachment 2 to the minutes.

IV. Redevelopment Updates

- A. Mr. Paul Roberson, GKDC representative, was unable to attend the meeting and make the planned presentation. Copies of his prepared slides were provided in the information packets.
- B. Mr. Adam Antwine, AFBCA, gave a presentation on the status of the closure and transfer of property of Kelly. (See Attachment 3 for copies of slides.) Mr. Antwine emphasized the Air Force's environmental stewardship at Kelly AFB will not end with the transfer of property outside the Federal Government.
- C. Discussion
1. Mr. Sam Sanchez, San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (MHD), asked if AFBCA will have ownership and responsibility for off-base cleanup systems after Kelly closes. He also asked if AFBCA will have access to the same contractor resources as Kelly currently has.
 - a) Mr. Antwine said AFBCA will take over all cleanup responsibilities, including the maintenance of off-base treatment systems. He said some of the Kelly environmental staff has already transferred to AFBCA and more will follow. In addition, he said AFBCA is acquiring contracts with many of the same contractors currently doing the

cleanup work at Kelly.

2. Mr. Rice asked if the RAB will have access to environmental data collected by tenants.
 - a) Mr. Antwine stated the tenants usually share the data they collect, because it is in their best interest to do so to avoid any unnecessary liability. He said he did not know if tenants were required to provide that data to the public.
3. Mr. Quintanilla asked if AFBCA plans to prioritize the properties to be cleaned up, and if so, can those priorities be presented at the next RAB meeting. He said he was concerned that some on-base properties are being cleaned up before the neighborhoods.
 - a) Mr. Antwine stated there will be priorities set and could be presented at the January meeting.
4. Ms. Johnson stated her opinion that in the five years she has sat on the RAB, no real progress has been made with the community's concerns. She said she hopes that will change in the future.
 - a) Ms. Huerta asked who makes decisions on deed restrictions in the cleanup plans. Mr. Gordon Banner, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC), responded TNRCC approves cleanup plans.
 - b) Ms. Huerta was concerned about the amount of land that would never be fit for human use. She asked where she might find out how much land would be classified as unsuitable for human use. She was directed to the Environmental Baseline Survey and the Environmental Impact Study as possible sources of that information.

V. Environmental Priorities

- A. The list of environmental priorities was provided to RAB members. A motion was made to accept the list as the RAB's recommended priorities.
 1. Mr. Quintanilla asked to amend the list to include the cleanup of vinyl chloride in the neighborhoods as a priority. After some discussion, the RAB decided that it was best to make no specific mention of any single contaminant, and to leave the list as it was written with a general reference to "all" contamination. The motion passed, with Mr. Quintanilla's dissent.

VI. Responsibility Determination Process

- A. Gen. Murdock addressed the issue raised by Ms Huerta concerning the process of determining if groundwater is contaminated. Mr. Banner referred the RAB to the process description contained in the information packets. Ms. Huerta said the information answered her concerns.
- B. Mr. Rice asked if TNRCC had determined who was responsible for the off-base contamination. Mr. Banner said the Air Force was responsible for the S-4 plume. Mr. Rice requested the statement in writing. Mr. Banner asked Mr. Rice to submit a written request and it would be considered.
- C. Mr. Mark Puffer asked for a flow chart of the TNRCC's permitting process to help the RAB understand the steps involved.

A short break was taken.

VII. Technical Review Subcommittee (TRS) Report

- A. Dr. Lené presented the reports of the last three TRS meetings. (See Attachment 4) He also presented a Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP) Update. (See Attachment 5)

B. Mr. Quintanilla asked how much Mr. Lynch (TAPP contractor) was paid for his review of the Semiannual Compliance Plan Report. The answer provided was just under \$7,000. Some discussion followed debating Mr. Lynch's report validity or accuracy. It was concluded that the RAB's acceptance of the report indicated the RAB agreed the contractor had accomplished what he was tasked to do, but not that each RAB member necessarily agrees with the substance of the report.

1. Ms. Huerta observed that the government representatives on the RAB seem to be worried about liability, while the community members seemed to be worried about health effects, and property values. She said the RAB needs to bridge that gap. She also observed that RAB members tend to get defensive when someone disagrees with them.
2. Citing personal agendas and biases among some RAB members, Mr. Paul Person moved to select an "unbiased" selection panel for future TAPP contractors. After some discussion, the motion failed to receive a second and was allowed to die.

VIII. TAPP Contractor Presentation

A. Mr. Jeffery Neathery, presented his report on the Phase II Remedial Facility Investigation, IRP Zone 4, OU 2 Work Plan. (See Attachment 6.)

1. Mr. Neathery's summarized his concerns about the report as follows:
 - a) The report was somewhat vague on what work would be performed.
 - b) The report was confusing on what methods would be used.
 - c) The report needed further review to remove non technical errors.
 - d) A discussion of paleochannels was needed.

He recommended the report be revised to address those concerns.

B. Following the presentation by Mr. Neathery, Mr. Rice asked if the Air Force would respond to this report as it had to the previous report. A motion was made to ask the Air Force, EPA, and TNRCC to respond to Mr. Neathery's report. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Mr. Quintanilla expressed concern that a large sum of money was paid to the contractor to produce a Work Plan that was characterized as "vague." He said the Air Force needs to do a better job.

D. It was suggested that a presentation be made to the RAB, at the next meeting, about the "paleochannels" discussed by Mr. Neathery.

E. A general discussion on the role of TAPP contractors occurred. RAB members commented that the contractors' reports were similar to a book review. The TAPP contractor's job is to review the environmental document, and give the RAB his opinion of the document just as a book reviewer reads a book and writes his opinion of the book.

IX. Off-base Cleanup Workshop

A. General Murdock thanked those for attending the September steering committee meeting and encouraged all to attend the meeting October 7 at the base Chapel. The purposes of this meeting will be to clarify the extent of off-base contamination and to learn more about the people the RAB members represent, how to reach them, and how to engage them in the cleanup process.

X. Community Comments

A. The comments ranged from questions on Mr. Neathery's report to the Public meeting held prior to the RAB meeting. The full text of these statements are included as Attachment 7.

XI. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

A. The next RAB meeting was scheduled for January 11, 2000 at South San High School.

B. Suggested agenda items for the next RAB meeting

1. Restoration priority process briefing
2. GKDC update
3. Results of the workshop
4. Member/Co-chair election
5. Metropolitan Health District briefing
6. Report on metal released into the groundwater
7. Community Relations briefing
8. Briefing on wells and infrastructure on Union Pacific property
9. Poster session - Zone Status

C. Action Items for the next RAB Meeting

ITEM#	Requestor	Request
1	Mr. Rice	A written response concerning the unavailability of certain BCT materials.
2	Ms. Gomez	Information on a temporary hospital formerly located at the site of her home.
3	Mr. Rice	Report to the RAB what Mrs. Gomez was told.
4	Mr. Rice	The availability of environmental data collected by tenants.
5	Mr. Rice	The health effects of exposure to vinyl chloride gas. And does the AF plan to address it and if so how.
6	Mr. Rice	The AF position on pump & inject.
7	Mr. Rice	MHD provide the withheld information referenced in the recent newspaper article and explain why it was withheld.
8	Mr. Puffer	Produce zone status charts for RAB meetings
9	Mr. Quintanilla	Information about truck drivers hauling soil removed from sites are reporting they are washing their trucks in grassy area with no precautions.
10	Mr. Quintanilla	The cost of the plan Mr. Neathery reviewed.
11	Ms. Huerta	AF, TNRCC & EPA response to the TAPP report.
12	Mr. Puffer	Provide a permitting process chart.
13	Mr. Quintanilla	Report on wells and infrastructure on the Union Pacific Railroad site.
14	Ms. Huerta	Report on paleochannels for the next RAB meeting.

D. The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Motions/Resolutions

Motions

1. Motion was made to extend expiring terms through the January Meeting.
 - Passed unanimously
2. Motion was made to approve the July 20, 1999 RAB minutes.
 - Passed unanimously
3. Motion was made to accept the proposed list of environmental priorities.
 - Passed with Mr. Quintanilla dissenting.

4. Motion was made to request the Air Force, EPA, and TNRCC comment on the TAPP report.
 - Passed unanimously
5. Motion was made to have an unbiased committee of four select future TAPP contractors.
 - Failed due to lack of second

Attachments (* Items were provided at the meeting to all RAB members).

1. *Kelly AFB Restoration Advisory Board Materials Package
 - Oct 5, 1999 RAB Meeting
2. Community Statements - transcript of community statements
3. Revised AFBCA Update Briefing Slides
4. Technical Review Subcommittee report notes
5. TAPP Update
6. TAPP Presentation Slides
7. Community Comments - transcript of community comments