

City of Newport
Georgia Pacific Task Force
SUMMARY NOTES
Meeting of February 5, 2009

5:30PM Start of Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT

Members: Gil Silvia, John Clark, Tim Johnson, Roger Hart, Franz Cocenza, Peggy Sabanskas, Charlie Plybon, Dan McCarthy (by phone), George Ragsdale (by phone), Sandy Roumagoux. City Staff and Councilors: Gary Firestone, Dale Shaddox, Lee Ritzman, Terry Obteshta, Patricia Patrick. Tom Picciano from GP also in attendance.

DISCUSSION

Gary Firestone opened this meeting by reviewing the discussion points of the previous first meeting of the group. He confirmed that since the previous meeting was informal the Task Force should take action to appoint its Chairperson.

By unanimous vote the Task Force confirmed the appointment of Gil Silvia as Chair. Mr. Silvia took charge of the meeting.

Franz Cosenza briefed the group on the tour of the Toledo GP plant, explaining the overall process at the plant and describing the effluent pipelines. Mr. Cosenza was asked to provide at the next meeting a summary of reported leaks in the effluent lines since 1996, including the most recent annual report submitted to DEQ. In addition, Mr. Cosenza agreed to submit at the next meeting a historic list of repairs/replacements made to the effluent lines.

City Engineer Lee Ritzman briefed the group on the concepts and standards of shared utility trenches. Mr. Ritzman was asked to bring back information on whether there are any existing water lines within 10ft. of the GP effluent lines.

Public Input.

The Task Force undertook discussion regarding the allowance and structure of public input at its meetings. After discussing several options the group, by consensus, decided to allow public input both at the beginning of each meeting and also during the discussion of specific topics, subject to the Chair's discretion depending on the number of persons wishing to speak and the need to keep the meeting on track.

Identification and Priority/Order of Discussion of Issues:

The group undertook the task of identifying the topics of discussion and their order of consideration in the upcoming meetings.

It was generally agreed that the topics to be considered should be as follows:

- Environmental
- Safety
- Risk
- Financial
- Logistical

After further discussion the group reached a consensus that these topics will be adequately addressed if the future meetings focused on reviewing the previously prepared three drafts of agreement. In doing so the categories needing to be addressed last, such as Financial and Logistical items, may be deferred and revisited at the end.

In addition to deciding the order and process for considering these discussion topics the group also agreed to consider both the north and south pipelines simultaneously as appropriate in a two column approach. It is not yet clear whether the final document will address both pipelines or just the south pipeline.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 19, 5PM at Newport City Hall, Conference Room A