

**Community Advisory Group (CAG)
for the
Omaha Lead Site**

Minutes for Meeting Held
Wednesday, November 12, 2008, 9:30 a.m.
Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance Office
115 S. 49th Avenue
Omaha, NE 68132

OLS CAG Members Present:

Rebecca Barrientos-Patlan—*Burlington Road Neighborhood Association*
Dr. Richard Brown—*Charles Drew Health Center*
Sue Casteel—*ATSDR*
Brenda Council—*OLS CAG Facilitator*
Kara Eastman—*Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance*
Bob Feild—*Environmental Protection Agency*
Jeff McDermott—*Union Pacific Railroad*
Dr. Adi Pour—*Douglas County Health Department*
Vicki Quaite-Ferris—*City of Omaha Mayor's Office*
Crystal Rhoades—*Neighborhood Center for Greater Omaha*
Stacey Stricker—*Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality*
Marian Todd—*City of Omaha Planning Department*
Vernon Waldren—*University of Nebraska, Lincoln Extension*

Others Present:

Mary Castaneda—*EPA Public Information Center*
Joel Christensen—*Metropolitan Utilities District*
Greg Franzen—*Sherwin Williams*
Tiffany Frezelle—*EPA Public Information Center*
Laura Hardesty—*Cadmus Group*
Tom Janssen—*Senator Hagel's Office*
Bill Lukash—*City of Omaha Planning Department*
Lelia Coyne—*Citizen*
Brendan McEntegart—*Conestoga-Rovers & Associates*
Todd McMartin—*Sherwin Williams*
Jennifer Rawley—*Conestoga-Rovers & Associates*
Steve Sanders—*Environmental Protection Agency*
Che Thompson—*Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance*
Cheryl Weston—*Lead Safe Omaha Coalition*

1. Discussion on Minutes from the October 8th Meeting

Ms. Weston provided written corrections to the second to last paragraph on page six. Ms. Eastman stated that her statements should not be changed. Ms. Council stated that, without altering Ms. Eastman's statements, the paragraph should read: "Ms. Eastman asked Ms. Weston if she had been attending or teaching Lead-Safe Work Practices training sessions. Ms. Weston stated, 'Lead Safe Omaha Coalition has no update.' Ms. Weston stated this three (3) times. Ms. Eastman asked if Ms. Weston is unwilling to tell the CAG if Ms. Weston is offering training. Ms. Weston reiterated, 'The Lead Safe Omaha Coalition has no update.'"

Ms. Quaites-Ferris stated that on page six, "Ms. Quaites-Ferris stated that the FAQs may be revised to indicate that compliance is complaint-driven" should read: "Ms. Quaites-Ferris stated that the FAQs may be revised to indicate that the nuisance ordinance is complaint-driven."

Mr. Feild and Ms. Quaites-Ferris clarified that on page four: "Ms. Quaites-Ferris reported that she spoke with Henry Doorly, a representative from the Omaha Zoo (Zoo)" should read: "Ms. Quaites-Ferris reported that she spoke with Mr. Danny Morris, a representative from the Omaha Henry Zoo (Zoo)."

Mr. Waldren motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. Eastman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. (10-0)

2. EPA Update

Mr. Feild stated that EPA must officially respond to all questions or comments. Therefore, Mr. Feild stated that comments regarding the released documents should be provided in writing. Mr. Feild noted that he could talk generally about logistics, but not about comments or questions specific to the released documents. Mr. Feild stated that this policy is because EPA does not keep an official record at the meeting.

Update on Release of Proposed Plan and Other Documents

Mr. Feild stated that EPA announced the release of the proposed plan. Mr. Feild stated that EPA has received requests for extensions to the 30-day public comment period from the Mayor's office and Union Pacific Railroad; however, EPA does not have a response to the requests at this time.

Mr. Feild announced that EPA will be holding two public meetings on November 18th. The first meeting is at Omaha South High School from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The second meeting will be at North Omaha High School from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Mr. Feild stated there will be a PowerPoint presentation and an opportunity for questions and answers.

Mr. Janssen stated that Senator Hagel will be sending a letter supporting the Mayor of Omaha in requesting an extension of the comment period.

Ms. Council asked if the CAG would also like to request an extension of the comment period. Ms. Barrientos-Patlan motioned that the CAG request a comment period extension of 30 days for public review of EPA's proposed plan. Mr. Waldren seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved (9-0).

Ms. Council stated that Conestoga-Rovers & Associates drafted questions and comments on EPA's proposed plan, as requested by a CAG electronic vote. Ms. Council asked if the CAG would like to go over the written comments today. Ms. Council stated that if the CAG prefers to review the comments later and vote electronically to submit comments to EPA, it might be difficult to meet EPA's December 1st deadline. Ms. Eastman asked if the CAG has time to go over the comments together today. Ms. Council answered that certainly the CAG could take the time to go through the comments. CAG members reviewed the questions and comments.

Ms. Council asked if there were any additions, revisions, questions, or comments regarding the comments on EPA's proposed plan or associated documents. Mr. McDermott noted a typo on page six: the word "date" should be replaced with "data." Dr. Pour asked if CRA has records of all the emails and statements referenced in the prepared comments. Ms. Rawley stated that Conestoga-Rovers & Associates has copies of all references and would be happy to provide those documents. Ms. Council suggested that all correspondence, including letters and emails, referred to in the comments be attached to the comments. Dr. Pour agreed.

Ms. Weston asked if any of the comments repeat the CAG's comments from the interim proposed plan or if the comments are specific to the final. Ms. Rawley replied that these comments are specific to the final proposed plan, but that since the documents are so similar the comments are similar to those submitted by the CAG on the interim proposed plan.

Ms. Weston asked Mr. Feild if the comments will be responded to individually or if the comments will be combined. Mr. Feild answered that comments would be combined with other like comments.

Dr. Pour motioned to submit the questions and comments to EPA, with the correspondence references attached. Ms. Eastman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Ms. Council asked if Mr. Feild had any additional updates. Mr. Feild stated that soil replacement crews are still in the field. Mr. Feild reported that Prudent has completed 317 of 400 assigned properties for the season and Coastal Environmental has completed 284 of 400 properties.

Mr. Feild stated that paint stabilization will continue as long as the weather allows. Prudent and PEE are attempting to complete fifty or more stabilizations per week. Prudent has completed 490 properties so far this season, and PEE has completed 150 properties this season. Ms. Eastman asked if the goal is still to complete paint stabilization at 1,000 properties by the end of the year. Mr. Feild replied that the goal is to complete 1,000 properties by the end of the season. Ms. Weston asked for clarification on whether the goal of 1,000 paint stabilizations includes the paint stabilization work being performed by the City of Omaha. Mr. Feild replied that EPA has assigned 700 properties to Prudent and 300 properties to PEE. Mr. Feild stated that EPA is funding the City's work and will look collectively at the progress. Mr. Feild stated that EPA anticipates continuing the paint stabilization program next year. Mr. Feild added that this is contingent on the proposed plan being carried out in its current form.