



**Minutes
Citizens Advisory Panel
October 30, 2001**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman McNeill.

Members present: Renee Hayden, Barry Jungwirth, Jan Lundebrek, Carolyn Lee, Leroy Noreen, and Brian McNeill
Members absent: Bruce Holgate, Steve Verhelst, Lynette Hofland, Bill Lee, Allan Saunders, and Ray Millett
Also present: Fibrominn: Carl Strickler, Greg Langmo, and Anne Donato
City of Benson: Rob Wolfington and Marge Scheffler

Approve Minutes of August 29, 2001 CAP Meeting

It was moved by Noreen, seconded by Hayden and carried unanimously to approve the September 25, 2001 minutes as presented.

Status on Booklet for EPC Contractors

Anne Donato informed the members that she has forwarded the list of suggested ideas for the booklets to Sandy Thompson at the Chamber office.

CAP Website Update

Anne Donato informed the members that the CAP website is under construction and she hopes to have it completed by the end of November. The members suggested keeping it easy and simple by not require too many clicks to get to the site. There was a consensus to place access to the CAP website on the front page of the City's web page.

EQB Approval Update

Carl Strickler informed the members that the EQB granted the exemption. He thanked the members for submitting their letter of support. Member Lundebrek attended the EQB hearing and emphasized the need to continue showing support for the project.

Update on Status of Project

Carl Strickler updated the members on the status of the project and briefed the members on the MPCA application process. *Fibrominn* is waiting for the draft permit application. He informed the members that we would like to review the application with the CAP prior to submitting it. He informed the members that they have received approval to interconnect the Fibrominn plant with the regional electric system (MAPP). He also informed the members that they are in the middle of reviewing proposals from the turnkey contractors to build the plant.

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Rob Wolfington informed the members that the Airport Board of Adjustment has held one public hearing on the variance application due to the height of the stack. A second hearing is scheduled for November 5. He informed the members that he had City Attorney Don Wilcox research if the City will be obligated to repay any of the state contribution for the 1986 airport improvements. Mr. Wilcox has determined that as long as the clear zones are unaffected by the Fibrominn project that the City is not in violation.

Questions from CAP Members

Member Lundebrek inquired about the upcoming election. There was a brief discussion about the advantage of having the same Mayor and Council Members reappointed rather than new members coming on board at this point in the project.

Member Lundebrek asked what the membership can do during the bonding process. It was mentioned that the community and leaders need to continue showing their support of the project.

Presentation of Turkeys to KSCR Winners

Anne Donato presented turkeys to the following winners of the KSCR radio contest:

First Place -Kim Ness
Gail Brehmer
Brian McNeill

The other two winners, Rob Lee and Janet Mitteness, were unable to attend. Shelda Stiel on behalf of the Swift County Food Shelf was present to receive a donation of five turkeys.

Coffee Reception

Coffee and cake was served to the winners and CAP members.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, November 29, at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.