

CITY OF
BENSON  **MINNESOTA**
CITIZENS ADVISORY PANEL

Minutes
Benson Citizens Advisory Panel
November 29, 2001

Members present: Renee Hayden, Carolyn Lee, Jan Lundebrek, Leroy Noreen, Allan Saunders, Bruce Holgate, Bill Lee, and Barry Jungwirth

Members absent: Brian McNeill, Steve Verhelst, Lynette Hofland, and Ray Millett

Also present:

Fibrominn: Terry Walmsley, Greg Langmo, and Anne Donato

City of Benson: Marge Scheffler

Approve Minutes of October 30, 2001 CAP Meeting

The minutes were deferred to the next meeting.

Project/Media Update from Anne Donato

Fibrominn has signed a contract with Jennie-O Turkey Store to supply turkey litter to the Fibrominn power plant. She informed the members that she intends to notify them intermittently of pertinent information, press releases, etc. to keep them better informed.

The Fox 29 TV Station interviewed Fibrominn (Anne Donato) earlier in the day in St Paul. Fox 29 wants to interview Greg Langmo at his farm and possibly Benson people as well. Ms. Donato will notify the CAP members when the interview will appear on Fox 29.

Greg Langmo mentioned that he was contacted by Bloomberg News Service out of Chicago. They may be interested in doing a national news story on the Fibrominn facility. He has also been in contact with the magazine *Animal Agriculture* for coverage.

Fibrominn has been in contact with Paul Estenson from KSCR to do some holiday promotions through the local radio station.

Fibrominn is looking at developing a Visitor Center in Benson that might be located in the building Dan and Kathy Johnson are renovating at 1204 Atlantic Avenue. They have been in contact with the Chamber of Commerce to also locate at the center so they can help man the office. It is also possible that other businesses may have displays set up at the center as well.

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Fibrominn is working on placing a “future site of Fibrominn” sign to be placed along Highway 9 between the railroad tracks and the highway. They are in the process of obtaining permission from the railroad and Mn/DOT.

CAP Website Update from Anne Donato

Copies of the CAP website pages for review and comments. There was mention of possibly putting a link on the Monitor News website. It was mentioned that we need to add the following:

Frequently asked questions

Upcoming events

Fibrominn milestones.

Permitting Update from Terry Walmsley

Terry Walmsley informed the members that the EQB and air permit are the major permits for the Fibrominn project. Having obtained approval of the EQB, the air permit is the last major permit to be obtained. The air permit application was submitted in August 2001. Work is underway toward an agreed draft permit.

Power Point Presentation from Terry Walmsley

Terry Walmsley gave a power point presentation about Fibrowatt and Fibrominn. The presentation reviewed the power plants in the UK, the proposed sites in the United States and future expansion in the United States.

TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

Fibrominn Open House

Anne Donato mentioned that Fibrominn is looking at the CAP hosting an open house during the public input period for the air permit. This will provide an opportunity for the public to ask questions and to view displays. There was a consensus to conduct the open house on Wednesday, January 23, 2002, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Benson Golf Club with a back up date of January 30.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 22, at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.