



CITIZENS ADVISORY PANEL

MEETING MINUTES May 19, 2005

Members Present: Renee Hayden, Bruce Holgate, Dr. Rick Horecka, Barry Jungwirth, Carolyn Lee, Jan Lundebrek, LeRoy Noreen, Allen Saunders,

Members Absent: The Reverend Dave Andert, Brian McNeill, Ray Millett, Father Steve Verhelst

Fibrominn: Greg Langmo, Carl Strickler, David Frith, Chuck Wagoner

Guests: Rob Wolfington, Larry Stubben (SNC Construction Mgr.), Sean Skiffington (SNC Scheduler), John Palin (SNC Project Mgr.)

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm at Benson City Hall.

Minutes from the last meeting will be reviewed at the next meeting due to the number of guests in attendance and the lengthy agenda.

Introductions:

Greg Langmo asked everyone to introduce themselves and give a brief outline of their interest in the community and the project.

Construction Progress:

Larry Stubben gave the group an update on the piling operations which started earlier in the week. He explained that the first step was to drive a number of test piles. These would then be checked with certain testing procedures to be sure they would do their job. Larry initially anticipated that piles would be driven to about 80 feet. After a number of piles had been completed, he thinks perhaps 60 feet would be deep enough to meet the design specifications. Further testing was needed to ensure this is the case.

Larry said the piling crews would be working about 11 hours per day with operations halted at 3 pm on Fridays so crews could get home for the weekend. It was pointed out that piling does cause some noise; however with operations taking place during normal working hours, it should not be a significant inconvenience to the community. Piling operations are expected to last about 5 weeks. Larry went on to say progress was being made on the lay-down site north of Industry Drive. This will be used to store parts, equipment and for construction worker parking. Top soil

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is being removed, proper grading is being done and storm water control structures are being installed. Once this work is completed, the area will be fenced as a safety and security measure.

John Palin, SNC Project Manager, discussed with the committee the possible colors that might be used for the plant. He passed around color chips provided by one possible supplier of the outside steel. A long discussion followed with no consensus asked for or reached. The committee will visit with people around the city and get input for the next meeting.

SNC is planning to begin erection of the side walls around October. At this point progress will be dramatic. Between now and then progress will not be evident to the casual observer as the work taking place now is all "below ground". By mid summer, cement trucks will begin hauling for the foundation work. Thousands of yards of cement are needed for the boiler house, which will have a pad 5 feet thick.

Photographs provided to SNC by Fuji, the turbine-generator supplier, were shared with the group. The photos showed the main internal component and the housing. The CAP found the size and complexity of this equipment to be interesting. Selected photos will be added to the web site as soon as practicable.

SNC provided the CAP with 3D pictures of how the plant will look when it's done. All comments were favorable. At future meetings, it is thought that SNC might be able to provide a 3D rendering of the facility in the final color choice.

David Frith discussed the ash plant and now it will fit on the site. At some point, it may be possible to add that rendering to the Fibrominn rendering to show the entire complex.

Later this summer, SNC will begin construction of the truck access road south of the main buildings connecting the facility to County Road 3. Rob Wolfington indicated that current plans are to install passing lanes on County Road 3 next summer. However, he cautioned that this is a regional project and Swift County representation on the board that makes the final decision has been temporarily interrupted. They are in the process of appointing a new representative to continue to lobby for Swift County.

John Palin reiterated SNC commitment to minimize down town traffic. He stated their desire to work with the community to be a good neighbor. He encouraged the CAP to visit with Larry Stubben or Chuck Wagoner if they had any concerns.

Fibrominn restated its position that fuel supply trucks will not use highway 12 south of the railroad tracks in down town. However, it was mentioned that with a project of this size, it would be impossible not to have an increase in overall traffic in and around the community. Carl Strickler encouraged the CAP and any other citizen that had concerns to talk to Chuck Wagoner or Greg Langmo.

Chuck Wagoner said that he has an "open door policy". If the CAP has any questions or concerns, they should stop by his office at the site or call. Chuck is happy to help people

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understand the project and what to expect next. He suggested that at some future CAP meeting we meet at the site for a tour. This will allow people to get an impression of where the buildings will be located and the size of the facility. Any meetings at the site will need to be coordinated with Larry Stubben to ensure visitor safety. Larry and Chuck will consult on an appropriate date and time for such activity.

By the end of September, the sewer and water work being undertaken by the City should be completed. An update to the substation north of the Fibrominn site is on going and well ahead of schedule. The overhead power line installation will take place later next summer.

The next meeting was scheduled for June 16th, 2005 at 7 pm at a site to be determined.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Items Distributed to CAP members

None