

LIFE SAFETY COMMITTEE

Meeting minutes - January 20, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mike McElroy called to order the regular meeting of the Life Safety Committee at 7:05pm in the Worth Village Hall.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Mike McElroy conducted a roll call. The following persons were present. Adele Benck, Gene Meyers, Mike McElroy, Wayne Demonbreun, Mary Rhein. Sue Casio-Villalovos arrived at 7:40pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gene Meyers made a motion to approve the minute from December 16, 2009. Motion was seconded by Adele Benck. All in favor. Motion carried.

REPORT FROM MIKE MCELROY

Mike thanked State Representative Kevin Joyce for sponsoring HR0655. A resolution opposing the use of Lucas Berg Nature Preserve for the placement of dredged material by the Corps. HR0655 was passed on January 13, 2010 and adopted by the 96th general assembly. Mike also thanked John Hayner, who works for Kevin Joyce, for his dedication to our campaign.

Mike has been in contact with USACE since the last meeting without much response. The Asian Carp issue has been taking up most of the Army Corps time.

Mike met with Foth Eng. They stated that additional testing would be done late February. At least 3 samples at 4-6 ft. depths. Mike said the DMMP has updates on the dredging material management plan. They are looking at alternative sites, but L.B. was #1. There are an additional 21 sites, so as of this date there are now 35 sites.

Mike stated that he has 10 questions ready to send the Army Corps.

Mike explained the Lucas Berg shutterfly website. The general public will have access to view it and the committee members will have access to edit, make changes and answer any public questions. Mike asked committee members if they had any people they would like him to add. Mike is also looking to start a L.B. facebook page to try and get the "younger" crowd interested.

Mike stated that L.B. "Clean UP" day would be May 15, 2010, along with the village's planting day. Pepsi will make a banner for these events, and Ni-Cor will also sponsor the events.

REPORT FROM ADELE BENCK

Adele presented Mike with several topic questions in the event that she was out of town and the Army Corps suddenly announced a public meeting or open house.

REPORT FROM GENE MEYERS

Gene has copies of letters the he sent to Senators Obama, and Durbin back in Sept. Of 2007. He also has a draft letter to send Gov. Quinn, Terry O'Brien (MWRD) and the State Senators, asking for their support to prevent the dredging at L.B. He suggested we put this on the Village of Worth Letterhead. Committee agreed to go ahead with the letter. Gene will put this on the Village letterhead and will have ready for the committee members to sign.

REPORT FROM WAYNE DEMONBREUN

No Report

REPORT FROM SUE CASIO-VILLALOVOS

No Report

REPORT FROM MARY RHEIN

Mary stated that if we use the Reverse 911 system to alert residents of a sudden Army Corps open house or public meeting, that the cost is .07 cents per minute. The approximate total \$250.00. Mary will also inquire with the Village Attorney about setback ordinance.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND INPUT

Joan Silke stated the Blue Island is thinking about putting in a Plasma Plant. She will be meeting with Rep. Bob Rita, and that this could be coming up fast. She is also concerned about the closing of the waterways. Joan worries that if the MWRD gets the L.B. property back they will keep the land for water retention because they make the rules and regulations. Joan will go graphs from Foth Eng. That will show which way dust particles will travel.

ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Mike stated that the Army Corps can still use L.B. for dredging even though the general assembly passed HR 0655. The village is still proceeding forward with their studies. This is still a threat. The resolution gives us credibility with state and local officials.

Wayne asked about the 30 other sites. Mike said that at least 20 of them are owned by the Army Corps.

Gene stated that the Army Corps received 480 million dollars from the economic stimulus plan.

Mike asked the committee if they should send e-mails to the list of supporters with the new website information. Committee agreed, and will split up the lists.

Adele Benck made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gene Meyers seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.