

Life Safety Committee

Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2009

Call to order

Chairman Mike McElroy called to order the regular meeting of the **Life Safety Committee** at 7:14pm in the Worth Village Hall.

Roll Call

Chairman Mike McElroy conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Adele Benck, Therese Cislak, Gene Meyers, Mike McElroy and Trustee Mary Rhein

Approval of minutes from last meetings

Adele Benck made a motion to approve the minutes from July, September, October and November of 2009, amending the misspelling on Gene's name. Motion was seconded by Gene Meyer, Motion carried.

Open issues

Report from Mike McElroy

Mike stated that he has received a 500 page report from through USACE by Foth Engineering of Champaign, Illinois, which included sediment sampling from MWRD-JUNE 1992, EPA - 2001, MWRD - Sept. 2003, MWRD - Aug. 2007, and Army Corps - Nov. 2008. It is a recent combination of all studies to date.

Also included in the report are recommendations from Forth Engineering. This report includes maps of potential receptors. We will continue to check facts on this.

Mike stated that there is talk of possibly closing the Cal Sag to navigation because of the Asian Carp problem.

Mike also said that the resolution we requested was presented by State Representative Kevin Joyce and is in the Rules committee awaiting approval.

Report from Adele Benck

Concerned that if an open house is set up, how will we let the residents know in a hurry?

Discussion - Possibly using our Nixle system from the Police Department, putting information on the Village website and Village marquee, or the Village's Reverse 911 system.

Report from Gene Meyers

Gene stated that he would like everyone to work on their questions for a possible public hearing.

Mike McElroy said that the person asking the question should first issue a supporting statement and then ask the question. There are approximately 45 topics and we should have at least 8 questions per topic. Mike stated that at a public hearing, the questions must be addressed and that at an open house the Army Corps might not have to respond to our questions. This information is based on Joan Silke's experience.

Report from Therese Cislak

Therese would like to know what the Army Corps intends to do about the fence repairs at the Lucas Berg site.

Mike McElroy stated that the Army Corps has been out to the site on 2 occasions to repair particular areas, the holes were patched and then fell again. He stated that there are as many as 20 or so holes in the fence that were noticed at the last "Clean up Day".

Therese stated that the MWRD has a quit claim deed to the Lucas Berg land and that they could get it back when the Army Corps is done with it. It would then go to the highest bidder or be kept for corporate purposes by MWRD.

Public comment and input

Zack Zartler questioned the water quality and testing.

Mike McElroy told him that the site has a clay liner, and that we have personally done water testing but it is not lab quality. We have determined however, that it is clean and supports marine life. Some residential wells in the area have also been tested.

New Business

Chairman Mike McElroy asked Gene Meyers to write a letter to Gov. Quinn, and Terry O'Brien. Gene agreed.

Army Corps would like to know if we have any questions that they could answer now. How does the committee feel about this. Members are OK with sending 10 questions of concern. Mike asked the committee members to send him questions before the next meeting.

~~Trustee Mary Rhein has agreed to do the minutes of the Life Safety Committee.~~

Old Business

Mike asked Mary Rhein to address the Village Board concerning a setback ordinance.

Chairman Mike Mcelroy adjourned meeting at 8:25 pm.