

**South Charleston Community Advisory Panel
South Charleston Technology Park
May 12, 2008**

Attendees: Cheryl Arace, Dr. Bill Kroesser, Pam Nixon, Ken Poling, Jennifer Soule, Sharen Sumpter Deitz, Teresa Whitt

Industry Representatives: Gary Trent, Jim White, Bayer Corporation; Ken Smith, J.B. Turley, Clearon; Jim Guidarini, Dow Chemical; Greg Toman, Elementis

Guests: Fred Clark, IVS Hydro; Joe Amos, Jerome Cibrik, Bev Hudson, Dow Chemical.

Facilitator: Mary A. Green, Ann Green Communications, Inc.

Minutes: Mary A. Green

The regular meeting of the South Charleston Area Community Advisory Panel was called to order Monday, May 12, 2008, 5:30 p.m., by facilitator Mary Green. The panel was hosted at the Technology Park by the Wildlife Habitat Committee. A portion of the meeting included an update about the habitat and a tour of the site.

Mary thanked the hosts and the coordinators for the meeting. Everyone was asked to introduce him- or herself. The April minutes were approved as distributed. The agenda and handouts were reviewed.

Plant Reports

Each manager presented an update regarding facility operations since the last meeting. **[A copy of the written reports is attached to these minutes for those not present.]**

Jim White noted information in the report related to an upcoming OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) audit. The Voluntary Performance Program (VPP) recertification will be conducted in June.

Jim Guidarini reviewed a letter recently sent to local elected officials regarding a reduction in the company's workforce. **[A copy of that handout is attached to these minutes for those not present.]** Jim explained the information was shared with the panel in an earlier meeting. The letter to elected officials was sent to notify them that the process was beginning. The media covered the story in a way that could have implied the information was regarding a new announcement.

Dow also distributed its sustainability report. **[A copy of the report is attached to these minutes for those not present.]**

Metro Government

Mary noted the committee is waiting for a story board, the first step in developing a DVD, from WOWK. The committee hopes to have a progress report at the June meeting and a storyboard to review. Once the storyboard is received from the station, the committee will meet to review it.

Speakers' Bureau

Mary noted sheltering materials were delivered to Unity Apartments. Ken Poling will try to schedule a presentation at Kenna Homes. Mary is working with Henry Graves to ensure South Charleston Middle School has the sheltering materials it needs.

Brochure

Bob Anderson is working to produce a brochure that highlights the companies and the products manufactured in South Charleston. All companies have agreed to provide information.

Habitat Presentation and Tour

Jerome Cibrik shared information about the habitat and its development. He showed the location of the habitat, which is located on the area where the ball fields were located. He said the program is part of the EPA's (Environmental Protection Agency's) Performance Track Program and it aligns with Dow's 2015 sustainability goals. This is the seventh Dow site to secure a certified wildlife habitat.

Jerome shared the project's history and development steps. He also recognized

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the committee that is serving to oversee the project, including Dr. Bill Kroesser, Clark Haynes and Terry Sauvageot.

Jerome reviewed student involvement and also the work being done to coordinate a curriculum with Kanawha County Schools. This includes a contest at the local level for students to create a logo and project name.

Following the presentation, the panel toured the site.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, June 9, 2008
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