

**LONG BEACH NAVAL COMPLEX  
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD  
NEW MEMBER SELECTION COMMITTEE  
FINAL MINUTES FROM 24 FEBRUARY 1999 MEETING**

The Long Beach Naval Complex (LBNC) held a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) selection committee meeting to select new RAB members on 24 February 1999, at the City of Long Beach Community Center, 200 Pine Street, Suite 400, Long Beach, California.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Alan Lee, Navy Co-chair  
John Essington, RAB Community Co-chair  
Henry Brice, RAB member  
Joseph Petway, RAB member  
Maria Vargas, RAB member  
Jennifer Rich, Cal-EPA DTSC  
Matt Brookshire, CDM Federal Technical Support

**MEETING BEGAN AT 5:50 PM**

**New Member Applications - General Discussion**

Mr. Lee stated there is a total of five applications to fill the existing six vacancies. Even if all the applicants were accepted it would not bring the RAB membership to its goal of twenty members. Mr. Lee asked if the committee thought that the application process should be kept open. Mr. Essington stated that the process should remain open. Mr. Lee asked if another Public Notice should go out. Mr. Essington stated that a second Public Notice was not necessary. He suggested having the existing RAB members recruit new applicants.

Mr. Lee stated that new members would be receiving orientation to the RAB and educational training in April 1999. Mr. Essington stated that if the RAB does not have twenty members by the time of the educational training, then the RAB will go the rest of the year with the current number of members.

Ms. Rich stated that the current RAB membership does not meet all of the community categories for the RAB. The current RAB membership does not have any local officials, homeowners groups, or environmental groups. A general discussion followed discussing possible groups to recruit (e.g., Sierra Club, Long Beach State students, parties listed in the Community Relations Plan, etc.).

Ms. Vargas stated that at the last RAB meeting it was decided that the newly chosen members would be presented at the upcoming March 1999 meeting. Mr. Essington agreed that it would be nice to have the new members attend the March 1999 meeting.

### **Selection Criteria for New Members**

Mr. Lee suggested that the selection criteria be established before reviewing the applications. All attendees decided upon the following criteria:

- Interested in environmental cleanup and health of the community
- Not exclusively concerned with re-use issues at LBNC;
- The application is complete and responsive;
- The candidate fits into the diversity needs of the RAB; and
- The candidate is a local resident or associated with a business that is affected by the closure of LBNC.

### **Selection of New Members:**

(1) Doug Carstens:

Mr. Essington voiced concerns over Mr. Carstens application regarding re-use. Ms. Vargas stated that Mr. Carstens is a lawyer and belongs to the Roosevelt Base Foundation. He has mentioned to Ms. Vargas that he is interested in rebuilding the buildings that have been demolished. Mr. Essington stated that Mr. Carstens has the ability to deal with the RAB and could possibly help other groups in defining what the RAB is really about. Mr. Lee stated that based on the application and the criteria established for the applicants, the group could not reject him. Mr. Essington stated he could call Mr. Carstens and make certain he understands that the RAB is focused on cleanup and not re-use issues. The attendees agreed to accept Mr. Carstens pending Mr. Essington's recommendation after the phone interview.

(2) James Sturm

Mr. Sturm's application provided no indication that he would be interested in environmental cleanup at LBNC. Mr. Sturm expressed strong interest in re-use issues at the 20 January 1999 RAB meeting and this was discussed among the committee. The attendees agreed to reject Mr. Sturm based on the established selection criteria.

(3) Greysen Edward Cooley

Mr. Essington stated that Mr. Cooley already attends all of the RAB meetings. The application is clear about Mr. Cooley's concern with cleanup. The attendees agreed to accept Mr. Cooley.

(4) Roger W. Olson

Mr. Brice stated that Mr. Olson wanted to better the city (City of Long Beach). Mr. Essington stated that he would call Mr. Olson and discuss the same issues as with Mr. Carstens. The attendees agreed to accept Mr. Olson pending Mr. Essington's recommendation.

(5) Manuel "Mike" Orozco

Mr. Essington stated that Mr. Orozco owns an apartment building in Long Beach and he had worked at the Long Beach Naval Shipyard in the past. Ms. Rich asked if he knew what the RAB was about. Mr. Essington stated that he did and that he would probably make a good member. The attendees agreed to accept Mr. Orozco.

### **Accepting and Rejecting**

Mr. Essington asked who would send out the acceptance/rejection letter. Mr. Lee suggested that he and Mr. Essington co-sign the letters. The selection committee agreed.

Ms. Rich stated that the acceptance letter needs to discuss the upcoming training in April. Mr. Lee agreed. The letter will include the date of the next RAB meeting, including time, location, and directions to the meeting, and a request for the new members to contact either Mr. Lee or Mr. Essington with any questions.

The rejection letter from 1997 had several modifications made to it by the attendees for this year's rejection letter.

Mr. Essington stated that he would call all the applicants and let them know if they were accepted or rejected.

### **General Discussion**

Mr. Lee summarized the extension of the application process and reconvening to discuss any new applicants. Mr. Essington stated that a conference call could accomplish discussing any new applicants with the attendees of tonight's meeting. Mr. Lee stated that a deadline of 31 March 1999 should be given for accepting additional applications. Mr. Essington summarized that the RAB had two new accepted members and two new members pending a phone interview, potentially bringing the total number of RAB members to 17. Hopefully, with the application process remaining open, the RAB would grow to 20 members.