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NCBC GULFPORT RAB MEETING
DECEMBER 7, 1995
GASTON-HEWES COMMUNITY BUILDING
GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI

RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
6:30 p.m. - 8:20 p.m.

The following members of the Restoration Advisory Board met at the Gaston-Hewes Community Building in Gulfport on December 7. No members of the general public were in attendance.

Reverend Adams
David Albright
Gordon Crane
Steve Dickerson
Edie Dreher
Hurd Gaddy
Retha Longmire

Raymond Rose
Carolyn Rushing
Joyce Shaw
William Spalding
Barbara Thomas
Jack Zink

Steve Dickerson opened the meeting and made introductory remarks. The first topic of discussion was the process for membership replacement. Several original RAB members have dropped membership for various reasons and the RAB needs to fill the vacancies. Gordon Crane took the action item of contacting Skip McDaniel to determine his future availability to attend meetings. It was decided that the Base housing representative, Dean Kaupé, would be removed from the RAB for failure to attend. In addition, Ms Brooks will look at previous applications. The idea of advertising for representatives was discussed. Further action on this matter was tabled until the February meeting.

The minutes of the November 1995 meeting were read and approved as written.

It was reported that a letter of acceptance was received from the 28th Street Elementary School allowing the Public Availability Session (PAS) to be held in the cafeteria on January 11, 1996. The PAS was described to the RAB by a representative of ABB-ES. The PAS will consist of 5 to 8 posters manned by technical experts who will answer questions that the public may have.

Nancy Rouse/ABB-ES led a discussion of general topics that will be addressed at the PAS. These topics fall into the following categories.

Restoration Advisory Board
Installation Restoration Program
Dioxin - the chemical
Solutions
Business Opportunities

A general discussion followed concerning the best methods of responding to questions. One idea was to ask the public to write questions and the Base would channel the question to the proper person to respond. No action was taken on this matter. One RAB member stated that in talking about the IR program the Base should make it clear that this program is nationwide and not only happening in Gulfport. Another member stated that the Base should make clear that other organizations, such as MSDEQ, are involved in the process. Ms Rouse requested that the RAB members participate in the PAS.

A discussion followed about the role of the RAB. Some concern was expressed by RAB members

that their role of being the link with the community be solidly grounded. The RAB has two purposes: (1) to communicate clear and complete information to the public and (2) to try to promote the PAS to maximize attendance by the community. The comment was made that although some pockets of distrust in the community did exist, NCBC did not suffer automatic distrust of their actions as is often found at other bases. The goal of the RAB was to keep communication open and thorough.

The RAB discussed ways to encourage the community to attend the PAS. It was decided to produce a flyer and make it available to school children to take home. A news release will be placed in the newspaper by the Base. The RAB discussed the possibility of providing transportation for those community members unable to drive. Various organizations were mentioned as possible contacts to advertise the PAS. These included the school system, public library, local ministers, Chamber of Commerce, civic organizations, and Region VIII housing authority.

The RAB concluded by setting meetings for the first quarter of 1996. The January meeting will be the PAS on the 11th at the 28th Street Elementary School. The February 1 meeting will be held at the NCBC Building 1 conference room and will include a training session by NHEC personnel. The March 7 meeting will be held at Gaston-Hewes Community Building.

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