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RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB) MEETING MINUTES 19 SEPTEMBER 1995 NAS
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**NAS Jacksonville
Restoration Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 19, 1995**

The regularly scheduled meeting of NAS Jacksonville's Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) was held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19, 1995 at the Timucuan Elementary School Library. The following RAB members were present:

Diane Lancaster, Navy Co-Chair
Henry Anner
John Barnard
Bob Brody
Terry Carr - for Gerry Young
Dana Gaskins
Ron Hoenstine
Phyllis D. Hunter
Margo Latham, Community Co-Chair
Curtis McLemore
Captain Bob Whitmire - Commanding Officer for NAS Jacksonville

Support personnel present:

Miriam Lareau, NAS Jacksonville Public Affairs
Bill Dougherty, NAS Jacksonville Public Affairs
Ralph Hogan, Navy Public Works Center
Laura Morey, St. John & Partners Advertising and Public Relations
Robin Wedewer, St. John & Partners Advertising and Public Relations

Community Members Absent:

Lucy Heine
Perry Byron
Anne Marie West

Diane Lancaster introduced Terry Carr, who was filling in for RAB member Gerry Young. Diane also introduced CAPT Bob Whitmire, new Commanding Officer for NAS Jacksonville.

The group approved the minutes from the August 15 meeting. Laura Morey reviewed the new RAB meeting evaluation form, to be filled out by both RAB members and visitors at each meeting.

I. Discussion on RAB Meeting Attendance

Margo Latham led the discussion on RAB attendance and the need for new members. One community member has resigned, and two have consistently failed to attend the meeting. She noted that Cecil Field has added an addendum to their charter, addressing the issue of the size and makeup of their RAB.

Ron Hoenstine noted the RAB needs to have a broad range of people as members, not just individuals who have a scientific background.

RAB community members need to be stakeholders - something about the base must have an impact on the potential member (ie: they live in the community near the base; children go to school nearby, etc.)

The following suggestions were made on how to recruit new RAB community members:

- ▶ Flyers/direct mail to neighborhoods adjacent to the base (ie: Collins Road).
- ▶ Review all old applications.
- ▶ RAB members invite neighbors to meetings.
- ▶ Recruit people from active groups (ie: Audubon Society, etc.)
- ▶ Letter to the editor/other placements in newspaper.
- ▶ Provide copies of blank applications to RAB members for distribution.

The members agreed that the number of RAB community members be at least 12.

A brief paragraph regarding RAB membership will be provided to current RAB members for community (church and other groups) newsletters.

The group agreed to try to incorporate a few social meetings throughout the year. A barbecue was suggested.

Diane Lancaster will provide applications of people not initially selected for RAB membership to Margo Latham.

II. Discussion on Alternatives for Child Street Area (OU1)

Diane Lancaster reviewed the list of alternatives with the RAB.

Ralph Hogan said that the increased cost on expensive alternatives didn't seem to give much payback, compared to lower cost alternatives. Phyllis Hunter said she thought alternative 2 or 3 were the best selections. Ron Hoenstine liked alternatives 1 or 2.

Bob Brody noted that the risks outlined in the alternatives are referring to human risk, not animal risk. He recommends alternative 2 and definitely 3 because they pose a lower environmental risk. He also noted that removal of sediment is preferable. Diane Lancaster said the Navy prefers to stay away from "Pump and Treat" because their waste treatment plant is not an industrial waste plant, therefore they would have to remove the material to an offsite plant.

She also noted that every alternative includes testing on the site every five years to make sure the alternative is working. If the solution is not working the alternative is reviewed and is revised.

Bob Brody mentioned that the funding is not available to do in depth tests for environmental risks of the contaminants. The St. Johns River Water Management District will be doing tests on sediment and plant tissues in the St. John's River, and has offered to do some testing near the base.

The following is the schedule for design of whichever alternative is chosen:

- Record of Decision to be signed in January '96.
- Design of the plan completed in 1996.
- Construction set for 1997.

This site is a top priority site because it is considered a high risk to humans. Margo Latham said she liked alternative 2 because of the reduction for human risk.

Ralph Hogan noted that he thought "Pump and Treat" was old fashioned. Anything brought to his plant would be either sent into the St. Johns and the sludge is sent to ranches.

John Barnard thought the Timuquana Country Club could be irrigated with the pump and treat water. John agrees with Alternative 2.

Alternative 2 has the final support of RAB members. This is a consensus item that will be brought to the IR team.

III. Radium Removal at Mulberry Cove

Bechtel is doing the cleanup at the site. They are set to start work on October 12. On approximately Oct. 16, they plan to begin digging, back filling as they go. This is expected to take three months. Test results will go to Radiological Affairs Support Office (RASO). 5-6,000 cubic yards will be moved and placed on OU1. The entire project should be completed in January 1996.

The contamination was originally caused by radium dials moved from one site to another.

IV. Site Status Update

PSC 2 - Firefighting Training Area. Finished. Soil was excavated, thermally desorbed and replaced.

PSC 41 - Domestic Sludge Drying Beds. Beds have been excavated, solidified and replaced on site. Beds have been capped with top soil and seeded with grass.

PSC 43 - Industrial Sludge Drying Beds. Beds have been excavated, solidified and was placed on PSC 41. Excavation has been filled with clean soil. Beds have been capped with top soil and seeded with grass.

PSC 13 - Radium Paint Disposal Pit. All excavation is completed and will be filled with clean soil. Final laboratory report received on Sept. 18 and was faxed to RASO. NADEP awaiting RASO's determination so excavation can be back filled.

Bldg. 106 - Air sparging (blowing air into groundwater to release contaminants so they may be "vacuumed" up), and soil vapor extraction (vacuuming vapors from soil) is currently being designed. Engineering evaluation/cost analysis (EE/CA) is to be advertised for 30 day public comment (until Sept. 23).

Bldg. 780 - Soil vapor extraction and groundwater extraction (removing contaminated water from underground) is currently being designed. EE/CA is to be advertised for 30 day public comment (until Sept. 23).

Child Street Area (OU 1) LNAPL Removal (light non-aqueous phase liquid) - Pumping continues at approximately 55 gallons per month.

PSC 42 - Polishing Pond. Design for in-situ stabilization to be completed by end of September.

PSC 18 - Radioactive Waste Disposal Area. Awaiting funds to excavate and place on OU1 with other radioactive waste. 6,150 cubic yards of soil to be removed.

V. Confirmation of Next RAB Meeting

The next RAB meeting is set for Tuesday, October 17. At that meeting, the group will discuss the RAB meetings scheduled near Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.