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APPROVED CRO MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 4, 1997 PUBLIC MEETING

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**Fernald
Community
Reuse
Organization**

**March 4, 1997
Meeting Minutes**

Overview

The Fernald Community Reuse Organization (CRO) met on Tuesday, March 4, 1997, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Ross High School, 3425 Hamilton-Cleves Road. The meeting was open to the public.

Twenty-six people attended the meeting, including CRO members and representatives from the Department of Energy (DOE); the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency; Fluor Daniel Fernald; the Institute of Advanced Manufacturing Sciences; Butler County Economic Development; Hamilton County Economic Development Company and FRESH.

CRO Members Present:

Sharon Cornwell
Lisa Crawford
Lou Doll
Ralph Hennard
Bill Hinkle
Maury Hornbach
Darryl Huff
Dan Lawler
David McWilliams
Ken Moore
Tom Renck
Alisa Rhodes
Gary Storer
Don Thiem
Larry Thinnes

CRO Members Excused:

Linda Krekeler
Bob Tabor
Joe Neyer, ex officio member

DOE Designated Federal Official Present:

Gary Stegner

Chair's Opening Remarks and Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chair David McWilliams opened the meeting at 7 p.m. McWilliams asked for comments on the January 7 meeting minutes. Ken Moore moved to approve the minutes with no changes; Maury Hornbach seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Julie Loerch, Fluor Daniel Fernald, announced that copies of the National Council for Urban Economic Development's final report (dated February 4, 1997) were placed in the Public Environmental Information Center. Copies of the report were also available at the meeting.

McWilliams announced that he expects to receive paperwork from attorney Greg Luke in the next few weeks. An attorney with Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease, Luke is providing pro bono legal support to the CRO to complete incorporation and attain 501(c)3 designation.

McWilliams recommended that the CRO appoint a Board of Directors, which is required for incorporation. He nominated Sharon Cornwell, Lisa Crawford, Bill Hinkle, Ken Moore and himself for the Board, stating that these positions could be modified later. He opened the floor to other nominations and discussion. Don Thiem moved to approve the five members for the Board; Larry Thinnies seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill Hinkle gave an update on the February 20 Ohio Department of Development Community Closure Network meeting in Columbus. The focus of the meeting was marketing. Guest speakers from the Newark-Haeth-Licking County Port Authority and the Ohio Development Department discussed various marketing strategies and programs. Hinkle gave Loerch copies of handouts to place in the CRO's file. The next Community Closure Network meeting is May 22 in Columbus. Hinkle's meeting summary is attached.

New Business

McWilliams acknowledged Bob Copeland's resignation from the CRO. Dan Lawler moved to accept his resignation; Darryl Huff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

McWilliams discussed the CRO's options to replace Copeland. Gary Stegner said that CRO Convener Maria Kreppel's original intention was to have the three townships (Crosby, Ross and Morgan) represented on the CRO. Tom Renck said the CRO should consider requesting another Morgan Township representative since Morgan is part of the tri-township area (identified in the CRO's Path Forward) and as such, is a primary stakeholder. Dan Lawler suggested opening the vacant membership to other stakeholders who may be interested in serving. Members agreed to first approach the Morgan Township Trustees to see if they have an interest in naming a new Morgan Township member to replace Copeland. Sharon Cornwell suggested appointing a nomination committee to concentrate on membership issues, such as Copeland's resignation. The group nominated Darryl Huff, Dan Lawler, David McWilliams and Larry Thinnies. Crawford motioned to approve the committee; Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Before the April meeting, the nomination committee will: contact the Morgan Township Trustees to ask if they wish to recommend a replacement; contact Maria Kreppel to get the names of others who applied for CRO membership; and develop a list of candidates to fill Copeland's position.

Draft Path Forward

McWilliams presented the CRO's draft Path Forward and encouraged feedback from members and the public. A copy of the overheads is attached to the meeting minutes.

Under the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats section, members discussed whether the term "limited" should be omitted when referring to "limited infrastructure" as a weakness, but agreed to keep the term the same with the understanding that infrastructure may be limited but it is correctable in the future. Hinkle commented that he believes the CRO will eventually need a professional analysis of what infrastructure components may be lacking in the communities.

FRESH Vice President Vicky Dastillung noted that the weakness "resistance to change" may also be a strength. Dastillung also suggested adding words to reflect the lack or loss of funding/resources to execute a plan as a new threat. Members concurred with this suggestion.

Ken Moore suggested changing "set-up a Web site" to "publicize the Web site" under the Public Involvement strategy. Members concurred with this suggestion.

Fluor Daniel Fernald project manager Dennis Dalga suggested adding words to reflect that the CRO would establish and maintain communications with DOE and site personnel under the Communications strategy. Members concurred with this suggestion.

Sharon Cornwell suggested modifying the Communications strategy which addresses crisis management/damage control by deleting all words after "information" (delete "or in the event of an actual crisis or emergency.") Members concurred with this suggestion.

McWilliams requested that the CRO's facilitator Marty Stevens, Miami University Communications Department, make these changes to the draft Path Forward before the April meeting. Stevens was involved in the CRO's September 1996 orientation retreat and facilitated the group's Path Forward working sessions in January and February. He also asked that members consider the committees they would like to serve on before the next CRO meeting.

Meeting Feedback

Mike Jacobs, DOE-FEMP, agreed to draft an article for ACQUISITION by the April CRO meeting. Stegner will confirm the publication's charge for an article.

Adjournment

McWilliams adjourned the meeting at 9 p.m.

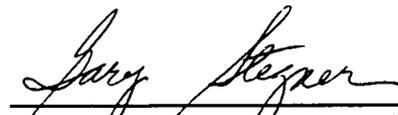
The Fernald Community Reuse Organization approved the March 4, 1997, meeting minutes at the April 1, 1997, CRO meeting.

I agree that the minutes are an accurate account of the March 4, 1997, Community Reuse Organization meeting.



David McWilliams, Chair
Fernald Community Reuse Organization

4/7/97
Date



Gary Stegner, DOE Designated Federal Official

4/8/97
Date