

**Fernald Community Reuse Organization Meeting  
Oct. 6, 1998**

**Opening Remarks and Approval of Sept. 1, 1998, Meeting Minutes**

- CRO Chair David McWilliams convened the meeting at 6 p.m. Maury Hornbach motioned to approve the minutes; Bob Tabor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

- CRO Treasurer Sharon Cornwell reported that she wrote two checks to Paddock Management Services and Saunders Commercial Real Estate Services. She expects that DOE will download \$76,661.82 from ASAP (federal account) to the CRO's account on Oct. 7.

**DOE Report**

- Gary Stegner said that Congress has disapproved Sunset legislation which would have canceled funding for the DOE Worker and Community Transition Program after fiscal year 1999. However, only \$29.9 million will be available for both programs in FY99, which is \$10 million less than DOE expected to receive. In the past, funding was split evenly between the two programs. DOE must still decide how to disperse FY99 funding between the two programs.

Stegner announced the Oct. 13 Cleanup Progress Briefing/Public Hearing on Land Use at the Alpha Building beginning at 6:30 p.m.

**Economic Development Consultant's Report**

- Curt Paddock distributed recent news clips to CRO members and guests.
- Paddock reported that IF DOE splits funding evenly between the Worker and Community Transition programs, then Community Transition would receive approximately \$15 million. DOE has already committed \$8 million to other CROs and must set aside funding for program administration, which would leave approximately \$5 million for new CROs to share, including Fernald, Portsmouth, Paducah, and Albuquerque. Paddock said the CRO should be prepared to receive between \$1 - 2 million for the implementation phase.
- The Chamber of Commerce target industry study should be complete in November. Ten firms, including the CRO, have partnered with the Chamber to conduct this study.

- The University of Cincinnati Economic Impact Study is currently underway. The study will establish a baseline projection of Fernald's impact on this region. The CRO can use this data to determine how the communities will be impacted after Fernald completes cleanup. This study should be complete in November.

#### **Committee Report: Land Reuse, Equipment and Materials**

- Maury Hornbach reported that the three commercial real estate firms have completed their studies on the potential market demand for 23 acres of Fernald land off Willey Road. Paddock reviewed a handout prepared by the Land Reuse Committee summarizing the reports' findings and the committee's recommendations. The basic recommendation is for DOE to reserve a minimum of 23 acres of the site -- which is not needed to meet natural resource requirements now or in the future -- for a future community facility and/or economic development purposes. When the cleanup reaches a point closer to final closure, DOE is encouraged by the CRO to reconstitute some form of community based advisory group to determine the most appropriate and beneficial uses of this land.

#### **New Business**

- Don Theme motioned to accept the Land Reuse, Equipment and Materials Committee's recommendation; Karl Dillhoff seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- McWilliams will submit the recommendations to DOE on behalf of the CRO at the Oct. 13 Land Use public hearing.
- Hornbach motioned to accept two new members to the CRO, Michael Keyes and Kristi Kirby. Keyes is the new President of the International Guards Union of America, and Kirby is a development specialist with the Butler County Department of Development. Bob Tabor seconded the motion. The motion carried. The CRO must submit a letter to DOE recommending appointment of Keyes and Kirby for two-year initial terms.
- The Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce has invited the CRO to join the Partnership for Greater Cincinnati, an economic development collaboration of CEOs and decision makers from private sector businesses, hospitals, economic development organizations and educational institutions. The collaboration will market this area to attract national and international companies to relocate in the region. Membership in the Oversight Committee will cost \$10,000 annually. The Chamber has agreed to waive the CRO's annual fee until the implementation funding is received. McWilliams asked Paddock to provide written materials to the CRO for review prior to making a decision.

#### **Meeting Dates Established**

- Paddock will send a notice to the Economic Development and Worker Transition Committee members to meet in late October. Due to Election Day on Nov. 3, the November CRO meeting has been changed to Tuesday, Nov. 17.

#### **Adjournment**

- The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. to convene the public workshop on Economic

