

**Fernald Community Reuse Organization Meeting
December 1, 1998**

OPENING REMARKS AND APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 17 MEETING MINUTES

CRO Chair Dave McWilliams opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Approval of the November minutes was deferred until the next CRO meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

CRO Treasurer Sharon Cornwell said there were no changes to report since the November 17 CRO meeting.

DOE REPORT

Gary Stegner said that John Merwin, Fluor Daniel Fernald, is researching potential privatization options and should have information available by the CRO's January meeting. Stegner said that DOE will send a letter to the CRO in response to the group's request that DOE return the 23-acre area to its original condition after the clay and soils are used for construction of the On-Site Disposal Facility.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT'S REPORT

Curt Paddock reported that he has added goals, objectives and program measures to assist CRO board members in ranking the economic development options. Program measures include cost of each program, the projected number of jobs the program will create, timing (how long before jobs are created), and the possibility of leveraging programs with other funding sources.

Paddock said that the focus of the ranking process should be on the job creation potential of each option. As an example, the CRO anticipates that 500 jobs (requiring similar skills represented by Fernald workers) would be created during the first year of operating a Revolving Loan Fund, when leveraged with other funding sources.

The results of the ranking exercise are listed below, from highest priority program to lowest priority:

1. Revolving Loan Fund (first)
2. Marketing and Promotional Activities
3. Continuation and Expansion of Project ADEPT
4. Formation of the Fernald Employee-Owned Business Units
5. Local Development Corporation
6. Business Incubator

Cornwell recommended that the narrative of the Community Transition Plan reflect how close options 2, 3, 4, and 5 were ranked. Cornwell motioned that the CRO include the rankings in the Community Transition Plan, McWilliams seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Community Transition Plan will outline each of these programs in detail and will serve as the basis for the implementation grant to DOE. The ranking was based on the "assumption" of receiving a grant for approximately \$4 million per year for a three-year period from DOE.

The tentative schedule is to rank the options during the December meeting, approve the draft Community Transition Plan at the January meeting, make the plan available for public review in February, and submit the plan to DOE in late February.

Sharon Cornwell distributed a letter signed by R. P. Scholz, Chair of the Cooperative Planning & Training Committee, requesting that the CRO endorse a joint fire district/training facility in any future funding requests to DOE, and consider funding a feasibility study for such a facility. Paddock commented that the CRO has already supported the idea by referencing the facility as a potential reuse option in the CRO's formal recommendation to DOE on final land use of Fernald. The CRO discussed the request, and determined that the time frame to formalize the facility does not coincide with the 1 to 3 year window for the CRO implementation grant. A motion was passed that the CRO will not endorse the facility over other options at this time. The CRO will send a response letter back to Scholz and will encourage the townships to formalize the concept with DOE. The CRO will also reference the facility in the Land Use Section of the Community Transition Plan.

MEETING DATES

The CRO postponed the January 5 meeting and agreed to meet on January 19 to allow more time to prepare the draft Community Transition Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned around 8:30 p.m.