



MEETING SUMMARY

Date: January 12, 2004

Topics:

- Post-Closure Coalition-Building Materials
- Records Disposition Status Report
- Photographic Resources and Artifacts

Attendees:

Fernald Citizens Advisory Board

Steve DePoe
Pam Dunn

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Edwa Yocum

The Perspectives Group

David Bidwell
Doug Sarno

U.S. Department of Energy

Ed Skintik
Gary Stegner
Anne Wickham

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Donna Bohannon
Tom Schneider

Fluor Fernald

Luther Brown
Sue Walpole
Eric Woods
Ric Strobl

Other

Earl Clawson
Jill Evans
Jim Innis
Bob Kispert
Tom Stander

General Updates

Pam Dunn called the meeting to order. David Bidwell reviewed the agenda and explained that the majority of the meeting would be devoted to a tour of the Graphics Department. This meeting was held at 175 Tri-County Parkway in Springdale, so Stewardship Committee members could see firsthand the photographic resources and artifacts that are housed there.

Steve Depoe announced that the next Fernald Living History meeting would be held on March 15. He explained that the organization would display information about Fernald history at a community event for Crosby Township. Edwa Yocum announced that the F-CHEC survey of cistern users is continuing and asked that anyone interested contact her or Sue Walpole.

Gary Stegner stated that DOE wants to move forward in negotiation of a settlement to the Natural Resource Damages lawsuit filed by the State of Ohio. Tom Schneider noted that the parties have been asked to appear before the judge that presided over the case later in the month of January.

David provided the group with a copy of two draft letters, which resulted from conversations at the December meeting. The first provided comments on the Fernald Institutional Controls plan. David noted that the letter reiterates the Stewardship Committee position that ensuring continued awareness of the site within the Fernald community should be considered an Institutional Control. The second letter provided comments on the draft Office of Legacy Management Strategic Plan. This letter endorses sections of the plan that stress coordination with the public and other stakeholders, as well as recommending a few specific changes. Committee members were asked to send comments on these letters to David by Friday, January 23, 2004.

Post-Closure Coalition-Building Materials

Doug provided the committee members with a revised draft brochure entitled "The Future of Fernald Begins Today." When finalized, this brochure will be used to inform potential partners for a coalition. David explained that this version of the brochure features streamlined text and more photographs from the site. Tom Schneider suggested that the brochure include a photograph of students engaged in a lesson at the site.

Steve Depoe announced that he is trying to secure funding for a University of Cincinnati graduate student to work with Fernald Living History or the Stewardship Committee. He stated that this student could help with efforts to build a coalition or organize photographs and artifacts.

Records Disposition Status Report

Anne Wickham updated the committee on progress regarding disposition of site records produced prior to 1992. These records are being managed directly by DOE, since responsibility for these records was removed from the Fluor closure contract. In the next few months, DOE wants to begin destroying temporary records that have exceeded their retention schedule. She stated that old procurement records and cafeteria receipts are among the types of records that would be considered first for destruction. Anne explained that a list of records eligible for destruction would be provided to any interested stakeholders. Anne stated that DOE does not want to destroy materials that are significant to the public. She urged interested members of the Stewardship Committee to contact Gary Stegner if they are interested in receiving these lists by email.

Luther Brown stated that Fluor is committed to using the same administrative procedure for the disposition of records produced after 1992. He also stated that collections of records that were generated both before and after 1992 (e.g., the CERCLA Administrative Record) were being kept together and managed by Fluor. He also urged interested members to contact Gary Stegner, if they want to be informed of records that are eligible for destruction. He stated that emails would not be sent on a daily basis, but the frequency of messages would depend on the volume of records that were being proposed for destruction. The Committee agreed that it should hold its February meeting at the Records Facility on Crescentville Road, in order to get a more complete picture of the records management issue.

The group briefly discussed issues related to the disposition of photographs and videos that have been produced at the site. DOE has not determined how these resources will be managed, but Ric Strobl stated that all photos that are not mission related or are not captioned would be declared "surplus." Luther stated that surplus photographs could be given to the community. Photographs that are considered to be official records must be managed according to federal guidelines. Jim Innis stated that members of the Crosby Historical Society have expressed an interest in volunteering to sort and providing captions for photographs.

Anne Wickham suggested that the Stewardship Committee contact the organizers of the Mound Museum Association. She stated that a memorandum of understanding has been drafted, which would allow the organization to manage photographs and artifacts from the Mound site. Members suggested that these individuals be invited to speak at a future Stewardship Committee meeting. Steve Depoe stated that he would contact these individuals and begin a dialogue with them.

Photographic Resources and Artifacts

Jeff Wagner explained that over the past two years the scope of the Fluor Public Affairs department has been reduced dramatically. The Springdale location in which the committee met housed the Graphics Department, which once included people devoted to photography, videography, and sign making. Now, the Public Affairs staff has been reduced to four people, and all of them have offices on the Fernald site. Jeff explained that Fluor must decide what to do with the photographic and other graphics resources. He requested that the FCAB provide a recommendation by the end of April 2004. David asked Jeff to provide the Stewardship Committee with a specific list of issues for which recommendations are desired.

Ric Strobl led the group on a tour of the Graphics facilities. This tour included an introduction to the extensive number of photographic prints and negatives that are stored at the facility. Ric also noted that many images have been scanned or exist only in an electronic format. He stated that most of these images are stored on a computer that could be considered surplus because the images have been copied to a newer machine. He stated that this computer could be a valuable resource to the community. Ric showed the committee members the few Cold War era artifacts that have been gathered at the site and a number of architectural models of structures that existed at the site. He also showed the group the sign-making equipment and numerous conference display kits that are currently stored in the Springdale facility. Ric stated that this equipment could be useful for a post-closure education facility.

Next Meeting

The next Stewardship Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2004 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Records Management facility on Crescentville Road. Directions to this meeting location will be provided in the next mailing.