

Community Advisory Council
May 11, 2017
Action Items/Notes

Final

These notes are in the following order:

1. Attendance
2. Correspondence and Handouts
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1. Attendance

Members/Alternates Present: See Attached Sheets.

Others Present: S. Bogart, J. Carter, G. Clark, T. Green, A. Guadagni, E. Landini, D. Manning, M. Maraviglia, G. Mattson, R. McKay, M. Rogers, J. Remien, N. Sundin,

2. Correspondence and Handouts

Items numbered one and two were e-mailed to Members on May 4, 2017. Items number three through five were available as handouts at the meeting.

1. Draft agenda for May 11, 2017
2. Draft notes from the April 13 meeting
3. 2017 Summer Sunday flyer
4. Copy of Presentation: Environmental Updates
5. Copy of Presentation: Procurement at BNL

3. Administrative Items

The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm. Reed Hodgkin, facilitator, welcomed everyone to the meeting. He reviewed the ground rules and draft agenda and those present introduced themselves.

David Manning, Director - Stakeholder and Community Relations office, updated the CAC on the current budget, based on their request from the prior month. He said the first steps in the budget process will be known after the week of May 22nd. Those first numbers are not final. The actual budget will be determined by Congress. The CAC has expressed interest in advocating for the Lab, however, you are not in a position to represent the Laboratory on this matter. You can write letters on behalf of your individual organizations or collectively, just not representing the CAC or on CAC letterhead. You can meet outside of the CAC to discuss how you would like to proceed and address your letters to Congress.

Member Esposito said in the past, CAC members have gone to Washington DC and engaged in discussions with elected officials. We were able to get the funding for cleanup increased. I realize things are different now and I understand that our groups should get together separately.

Hodgkin said during the break, members can discuss how you would like to move forward.

Manning said we are possibly looking at a continuing resolution for this fiscal year. FY17 is important because it could have an impact on FY18.

Member Esposito said all the representatives we have met with have said the real budget battle will be in August and September.

Member Schuhmann said he went to the science march in Washington recently representing the American Physical Society, where he spoke to several staffers.

Member Martin asked if Brookhaven Lab has been involved in helping out at the Hanford site, where there was a tunnel collapse.

Manning said he does not know of any BNL involvement. He said he can speak to Susan Pepper and get back to the CAC if she has any other information.

Approval of Minutes

Member Martin asked that the wording on page one be changed from "There is another \$20M slated in the budget for *the railway station at Brookhaven*" to "There is another \$20M slated in the budget for *a new LIRR passenger station on or near the BNL site.*"

The April notes were approved as amended with none opposed and four abstentions.

Membership

Hodgin said Coram and Mastic Park Civic Associations have expiring memberships and both have expressed interest in renewing them. He said he will pass around a ballot and each member can indicate whether they approve of extending their membership request, disapprove, or feel the need for discussion. If discussion is needed, we will add it to the agenda. If this process works for membership renewals, we can add it to our Guidelines. Would that work?

Member Martin suggested emailing the ballots to members in between meetings so time is not taken up during the meeting, unless discussion is requested.

Member Keenan said that is a good idea in case a group does not have representation at the meeting, their vote will still count.

Hodgin said that's a good idea. I would ask though that if a group says they need to talk, then they have to be sure to attend the next meeting. We will vote to add the revised process to our Guidelines. Membership renewals will be voted on through email or on paper if people do not respond to the email.

A vote was taken and the proposed revision to the CAC Guidelines was approved unanimously.

Both Coram Civic Association and Mastic Park Civic Association membership renewals were also approved unanimously.

Member Ziems complimented the Lab on the concerts that are held onsite. He asked for a flyer with the upcoming dates.

Agenda Setting

Nora Sundin said we are still working on the agenda for June. We will be in touch.

1. Environmental Updates, Tim Green – Environmental Compliance Manager

Tim Green spoke about the Peconic River Area WC-06 – Sediment Cleanup status. He said the contract was awarded in April to LAND Remediation. The contractor is preparing the work plan and quality assurance project plan for regulator review. There is a potential for surface water

diversion and groundwater dewatering depending on the flow. Field work is expected to start in late June or early July. The plan is to excavate 2600 sq. ft. and remove about 145 cu. yards of material. Approximately 26 samples will be taken, with one sample every 100 sq. ft. The cleanup goal for mercury is <1.0mg/kg, with no samples over 2.0 mg/kg. Restoration and monitoring will continue for up to five years to re-establish wetland plants and control invasive species.

Member Esposito asked if the contractor will be doing testing and remediation or if BNL will be doing the testing.

Green said LAND Remediation will take samples, which will then be sent out for testing to our contracted Lab, with a short turnaround time.

Member Filler asked if this area has been cleaned up before.

Green said it was part of the original cleanup. During the five year monitoring period, this location was identified as needing additional cleanup.

Member Filler asked where the mercury is coming from.

Green said it came historically from the Sewage Treatment Plant. Years ago, people didn't know the potential impacts and things were flushed down the sink and ended up in the River. We no longer discharge to the River.

Member Esposito said there is no longer a source. She said she remembers hearing that Cesium was co-locating with mercury. Are you testing for Cs-137 also?

Green said at this point we are only testing for mercury. We will return with the results.

Member Ziems asked where the contaminated soil will be taken.

Green said it will first go to a drying pit and put into Super Sacks and then taken to a licensed disposal area.

Green said the objective of the Laboratory's deer management program is to reduce accidents, reduce ticks and tick-borne disease, improve deer health, and improve the ecosystem. The goal is to have about 10-30 deer/sq. mi, which translates into 80-250 deer onsite. This latest action resulted in the removal of 202 deer. The remaining population is between 200 and 300. In total, 5732 lbs. of meat was donated. Cs-137 values were less than .49 pCi/g wet weight. In order to keep the deer population at this rate, we will need to continue to take about 100 animals/year. The Lab is reconsidering cost effective alternatives.

Member Esposito asked if the permit identified the reduction goal.

Green said the number of permits we submit are based on our surveys.

Member Shea asked if every deer is tested.

Green said the Lab takes a small sample from five deer and batches them together for testing. There was a sample taken from every deer so there was a total of 41 batches that were tested.

Member Ziems said based on the survey results; it appears the deer are larger than last year.

Green said yes, they are healthier too.

Member Shea asked if reducing the deer population has decreased the tick population.

Green said yes, due to the cull, the 4-Poster system, and the recent drought, ticks are not as prevalent.

Member Chattaway asked about the recent reports of the presence of coyote on Long Island.

Green said a pair has been spotted in several locations. We think it might be the same two coyote traveling together.

Member Martin asked if there are any other species in need of management. What about wild turkey?

Green said turkeys have not become a nuisance, although their population has increased. The only other species of concern are the Canada Geese.

Member Keenan asked for an update on the tritium leak.

Jason Remien said the latest results of testing have shown no tritium detected.

2. Procurement at BNL, Mary Rogers – Business Services Division

Mary Rogers said the mission of the small business program at BNL is to serve as the advocate and point of contact for small businesses seeking contracting opportunities. They connect responsible and reliable small businesses who can meet the needs of the Lab by offering high quality goods or services, on time, and at a fair and reasonable price with a procurement specialist at BNL. The program strives to enhance the small business community by supporting recognized superior performers and offering guidance and support to help grow the small businesses that meet our needs. The Small Business Liaison Officer is the point of contact and coordinates outreach and inreach. All but one of the Goals for FY16 were achieved. The Laboratory has internal departments that provide many of the services that would otherwise go to small businesses. Brookhaven does not maintain a bid list, but does post bidding opportunities that are high dollar procurements on the federal government's FedBizOpps website, where small businesses can sign up for a "watch list" and be notified of government solicitations over \$25,000. The federal government defines a small business by the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes. BSA was selected by the US Small Business Administration as the national winner of the 2016 Dwight D. Eisenhower Award for Excellence in the Research and Development category.

Member Giacomaro asked if the Lab coordinates with any local chambers to identify local small businesses.

Rogers said not that she is aware of. We do go to small business development centers.

Member Trotta asked how to get more information because the Brookhaven Coalition of Chambers represents many businesses on Long Island and it is challenging for businesses to get on the list of suppliers for BNL.

Anthony Guadagni said you can email or call me or Jill Clough-Johnston. We are ready to help if we can. We also have an upcoming fair. Check out our website.

Hodgin asked if they can put some information together to send out to the group

Sundin said our Media and Communications group can help get the information out.

Member Krupski asked if preference is given to local businesses, rather than the lowest bidder.

Guadagni said it depends on the specific procurement.

Hodgin asked if it is ever geographically restricted to the local area.

Guadagni said it depends; we try to keep it locally if we can.

Member Schuhmann asked if this is mandated by federal law.

Guadagni said all the labs have requirements in the prime contract. The outreach program is not mandated by DOE.

Member Jordan-Sweet said she has had experience with BNL's small businesses. She said at times, she has placed orders and had them sent to a small business and then she was not satisfied.

Guadagni said we have a supplier evaluation system.

Member Trotta said sometimes the lowest bidder isn't always the best.

Member Krupski asked if the Lab coordinates with Plum Island.

Guadagni said no, we coordinate with other Office of Science Laboratories.

3. Community Comment

Hodgin asked for comments from the community. There were none.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Next meeting: June 8, 2017

CAC Agenda Setting – December 8, 2016

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		ABCO – Civic (Garber - 04/02) (Bevington – 6/14) (Keenan-10/14)	Member	Ray	Keenan	P	P	P	P	P							
		(Madigan -10/10)	Alternate	Michael	Madigan	P		P									
		American Physical Society – Business & Labor	Member	Reinhart	Schuhmann	P	P	P	P	P							
		(Schuhmann 1/14, member 9/15)	Alternate	Donavan	Hall												
		Brookhaven Coalition of Chambers of Commerce – Bus & Labor (added 6/15)	Member	Ron	Trotta			P	P	P							
		Brookhaven Retired Employees Association- BNL (Peskin - 09/09)(Franz 1/17)	Member	Eena-Mai	Franz	P		P	P	P							
		(Franz - 12/09)(Israel 1/17)	Alternate	Mark	Israel	P	P			P							
		(Shapiro-1/13)	Alternate	Steve	Shapiro												
		Citizens Campaign for the Environment – Advocacy & Environment	Member	Adrienne	Esposito	P				P							
		(Somma 11/16)	Alternate	Harry	Somma	P	P	P	P	P							
		Colonial Woods Whispering Pines – Civic (Birben - 06/09) (O'Neal 01/15, removed 10/15)	Member														
		(Rehbein -11/10)	Alternate	Eric	Rehbein												
		Coram Civic Association (Ziems - 06/12)	Member	Paul	Ziems	P	P	P	P	P							
		(Meade – 06/12, Jim M 10/12, Turk 1/16)	Alternate	Rosa	Turk	P	P	P	P	P							
		East Yaphank Civic Association	Member	Michael	Giacomaro			P	P	P							
		(Feinman - 02/09 – 11/15)(Mack 11/15)	Alternate	Catherine	Mack			P	P	P							
		Emeritus (changed 3/8/12)	Member	Jean	Mannhaupt												
		Foundation for Economic Education – Ed, Sci, & Tech (5/14)(Martin – 10/14)	Member	Bruce	Martin			P	P	P							
		(Pratka – 10/14)	Alternate	Craig	Pratka	P	P	P	P	P							
		Friends of Brookhaven- BNL (Kaplan 07/01–11/15)(Bowerman 11/15)	Member	Biays	Bowerman		P	P	P	P							
		(Schwartz - 11/02) (Ocko added 11/15)	Alternate	Steve	Schwartz			P		P							
			Alternate2	Ben	Ocko												
		Huntington Breast Cancer Coalition – Health-Based Rep	Member	Mary Joan	Shea			P		P							
			Alternate	Scott	Carlin												
		Individual	Member	Jane	Corrarino				P								
		Individual	Member	Karen	Blumer			P									
		Individual	Alternate	Michael	Madigan			P									
		L.I. Pine Barrens Society – Advoc & Env	Member	Richard	Amper												
		(Murdocco - 04/11, deleted 6/12) (Muller added – 8/12)(Katie Rose Leonard added – 6/13)(Muether added – 5/15)	Alternate	Katie	Muether	P		P	P								
		L.I. Progressive Coalition – Advoc & Env	Member	David	Sprintzen	P	P	P	P								
			Alternate														

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		Lake Panamoka Civic Association (Biss - 04/02)	Member	Rita	Biss	P		P									
		(Grandal - 10/10)	Alternate	Bonita	Grandal	P		P		P							
		Longwood Central School Dist. – Ed, Sci, & Tech (Castro -06/09)(Adams 9/15)	Member	Tracy	Adams												
		(Gerstenlauer removed & Sterne added 5/14 removed 9/15)(Infranco1/17)	Alternate	Paul	Infranco												
		Mastic Park Civic Association (Sicignano – 6/12)	Member	John	Sicignano	P			P	P							
			Alternate	Clara	McManus												
			Alternate	Joe	May												
		Middle Island Civic Association (Filler 2/17)	Member	Martin	Filler		P	P	P	P							
		(Nowak 01/15 – 5/15)(Malloy 9/15)	Alternate	Margaret	Malloy												
		NSLS-II User Committee – BNL	Member	Jean	Jordan-Sweet		P		P	P							
		(Ravel -02/11-9/15)(Bohon added 11/15)	Alternate	Jen	Bohon	P											
		Ridge Civic Association (Henagan removed 9/15)(Chattaway added 10/15)	Member	Wesley	Chattaway	P	P	P		P							
		Suffolk County Legislature 1st Dist. - Government (added 6/15)	Member	Al	Krupski				P	P							
			Alternate	John	Stype	P											
		Teachers Federal Credit Union – Bus & Labor (Murdocco 3/15)	Member	Richard	Murdocco												
			Alternate	Christine	Stafford	P		P									
		Town of Brookhaven (Graves – 06/06)-(removed 1/2015)	Member														
			Alternate														
		Town of Brookhaven, Senior Citizens Office - Government	Member	James	Heil		P	P		P							
			Alternate														
		Town of Riverhead - Government (Doroski - 04/11)	Member	Isidore	Doroski	P	P		P								
		(Hulme - 04/11 - 4/14)(Janis Rottkamp 04/16)	Alternate	Janis	Rottkamp			P									
		Wading River Civic Association (Rundlett 09/16)(Kneitel 02/17)	Member	Terri	Kneitel	P	P	P	P	P							
		(Bail and Guthy removed 11/2016)	Alternate	Linda	Rundlett												