

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

TO FLINT HILLS RESOURCES PINE BEND REFINERY

*Approved*  
**Community Advisory Council (CAC)**  
**To Flint Hills Resources**  
*November 12, 2007*  
**Veterans Memorial Community Center**  
**Inver Grove Heights, MN**

**Present:**

Dave Andrews

Margaret Flower

Mike Griffith

Michelle Kelly

Becky Kenow (FHR)

Dave King

Scott Lindemann (FHR)

Vern Meier

Fred Mitchell

Steve Orne (FHR)

Scott Parr (MPCA)

Dennis Wippermann

**Not Present:**

Andrew Balgobin (excused)

Kristen Engelmann (excused)

Ed Florez (excused)

Velita Frandrup (excused)

Bob Golla

Frank Knoll

Zac Lagen (excused)

Eric Mahler (excused)

Steve Nielsen (excused)

Ken Parker (excused)

Harvey Radke

Roger Tippet (excused)

**Guests:**

Commissioner Will Branning, Dakota County

Harry Krisnick, Neighbor

Myron Napper, Neighbor

Meeting facilitated by: Mariann Johnson

Documentation provided by: Jackie Smith

**PUBLIC PORTION OF THE COUNCIL MEETING**

Commissioner Will Branning discussed Dakota County's workforce development efforts and the various committees that he serves on. He cited several initiatives underway to promote and develop a younger, more diverse and robust workforce for Dakota County. He also reported on some Dakota County environmental monitoring activities that are underway with area businesses.

Myron Napper, who is a neighbor to Flint Hills Resources, requested information about the new location for air monitor number 441. Scott Lindemann indicated they would be passing around a map of the selected site later in the meeting.

## CAC MEETING BUSINESS

### Community/Member Updates

#### **Member question:**

There have been TV reports about a “refinery commission” regarding the transport of ULSD fuel. Is FHR a member of the commission and is it now a requirement that all fuel be ultra low sulfur diesel?

#### **Scott Lindemann, FHR response:**

I’m not aware of a refinery commission. All fuel is required to be ULSD unless it is not for over the road use. Most of the fuel that is produced and is not ULSD is exported.

#### **Scott Parr, MPCA comment:**

Some members had commented that they were not receiving the MPCA magazine. The MPCA’s address list has been recently updated so everyone should receive the magazine soon.

The facilitator stated that an email had been received from member Eric Mahler. Eric announced he is withdrawing from the Council due to work/time constraints. This will create a vacancy from Inver Grove Heights.

### Review and Approval of Agenda and October 8<sup>th</sup> Minutes

#### **Agreement/Decision:**

The October meeting notes were approved with the following changes:

- Fred Mitchell is listed twice in those present.
- Page 10, the new air monitor site should be recorded as the “southwest” corner rather than southeast.

## FHR UPDATE

#### **Becky Kenow/FHR:**

Becky gave an update about FHR’s participation in the “Girls in Science Program” that was held on October 13<sup>th</sup> at the St. Paul River Centre. The program targeted 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls.

There were approximately 120 participants at a luncheon for FHR's Community Partners. FHR announced their latest partnership with the Dakota County Domestic Preparedness Committee. FHR is partnering with various emergency agencies and will have a non-utilized FHR facility retrofitted to serve as a training center for emergency agencies and First Responders.

Scott Lindemann added that FHR continues to improve at determining community needs. This partnership is a good example. FHR had a vacant building that was not being utilized and with the addition of some props, etc., all kinds of emergency service training can be conducted.

**Member question:**

How do you choose who to partner with?

**Becky Kenow/FHR response:**

Heather Rein focuses on set criteria. It may be of interest to have Heather participate at a meeting to explain that criteria to members.

Continuing with the FHR update, Becky shared copies of Koch's "Environmental, Health and Safety and Community Stewardship Report" with all members.

**Scott Lindemann/FHR:**

Our fall maintenance efforts are complete. We peaked at around 1800 additional contractors in the building. We concluded 550,000 man-hours with no injuries which is an outstanding effort.

**Steve Orne/FHR:**

During the maintenance schedule, we also performed 8500 safe work practice audits.

**Scott Lindemann/FHR:**

The investigation of the tank 312 rupture has wrapped up. There isn't a lot of new information to share. However, we have a host of action items that we will be working on through the next year to make sure this does not occur again.

We did have an incident this past weekend. We are adding a chemical to our asphalt to decrease the hydrogen sulfide. It changes the smell of the asphalt. We had a driver indicate the new smell had made him ill. We aren't sure yet if there is a correlation between his symptoms and the chemical additive. We haven't had any other complaints but have ceased adding the chemical until the toxicology data is verified.

A map of the proposed new site for the air monitor was distributed. The Environmental Committee worked with the MPCA to secure a location that met the CAC's/Environmental Committee's concerns.

**Myron Napper comment:**

The new location is only moving it about one mile from where it is. The Rosemount neighbors feel it should be put across from the vocational school, near Akron. The location proposed is still in the valley. It would be beneficial to have it located closer to the housing development. Electric is available there, as well.

**Scott Lindemann/FHR:**

Your concerns are the same ones that we (FHR) and the Environmental Committee relayed to the MPCA. We toured the entire area and the MPCA determined the location that would best capture refinery data and address all the concerns identified.

The facilitator recapped Myron's concerns for the location of the air monitor. She asked Vern Meier for concerns from the CAC Environmental Committee's perspective.

**Vern Meier, Co-Chair Environmental Committee:**

The Environmental Committee also wanted to move it into an area where there is more population moving in. We are all in agreement it should be in the southwest corner, the specific location is the concern. The MPCA did some calculations and recommended the new location as it would meet all the needs stated at tonight's meeting. However, it is up to the Council to make the final decision.

**Myron Napper comment:**

It seems logical that if the monitor is higher, out of the valley, more community members would benefit. Maybe you should try it in the proposed location for a specific time and then evaluate it and move it again, if needed.

**Vern Meier, Co-Chair Environmental Committee:**

The Committee talked about moving it closer to the Akron site. Rick Strassman from the MPCA thought it was too far from the refinery. We wouldn't be monitoring refinery output. We would instead be monitoring output from traffic, etc.

**Scott Lindemann/FHR:**

It will cost about \$20,000 to move the monitoring equipment so we wouldn't consider moving it every year. Currently, we are collecting only gaseous data from that monitor. It will take about 4-6 weeks to get it all moved. Once the move is made, we will be collecting gas and particulates data.

The facilitator thanked Myron for his comments and the concerns he represented for other Rosemount community members. The Council and FHR have expressed the same interests.

**Agreement/Decision:**

Based on the recommendation of the MPCA, the Council and FHR have agreed to move forward with the new location for the air monitor.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Council members met for working sessions on their respective Committees.

**MEETING WRAP-UP AND CLOSURE**

The facilitator noted that Decision Resources will be at the December meeting to gather information from CAC members regarding the CAC community survey.

The Membership/Operations ad hoc committee will be holding an interviewer training session and then interviews for the recruitment of new Council members.

**Topics for Upcoming Meetings:**

<b>January 2008</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Refinery 101 and tour (with a safety focus)</li><li>• FHR overview</li></ul>
<b>February</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Safety Committee</li></ul>
<b>March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• COC Decision Resources survey findings</li><li>• Exit interview data</li></ul>
<b>April</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CAC planning retreat</li></ul>
<b>May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Environmental Committee groundwater update</li><li>• SES School SEP Report</li></ul>

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

**NEXT MEETING**

Date: Monday, December 10th, 2007  
Time: 5:30 – 9:00 PM  
Location: Veteran’s Community Memorial Center  
8055 Barbara Avenue, Inver Grove Heights, MN  
Key Topics: COC report from Decision Resources regarding survey data