

SUPERIOR REFINERY

Community Advisory Panel

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Minutes of the Murphy Oil Superior Refinery Community Advisory Panel Bong Heritage Center Thursday, May 10, 2007

Members: Bobbi Germond, Barry Hanson, Ronald Holt, Keith Kesler,
John Robinson, Tom Strewler

Guests: Debbie Ganz, Janie Fouts, Nick Van Ert, Pat Van Ert, Terri
Van Ert, Nate Van Ert

Company Representatives: Dave Podratz, Dave Beattie Liz Lundmark

Facilitator: John McPherson, Ann Green Communications, Inc.

The May meeting of the Murphy Oil Superior Refinery CAP was called to order at 5:30 p.m. CDT by Facilitator John McPherson. The meeting was held in the conference room of the Bong Heritage Center. Minutes of the April meeting were reviewed and approved.

Refinery/Company Report

Dave Podratz presented the report for the Superior Refinery, including operational highlights, environmental and safety performance reports, and community odor complaints. [A copy of this complete report is included with these minutes.]

Environmental highlights:

There were no spills during the reporting period. One reportable air event was discussed. This occurred April 7, 2007 when a breaker failed, shutting down the tail gas and sulfur-recovery units, releasing 6200 lbs of SO₂. As a result of the incident, Dave said, additional electric capacity is being planned for the unit.

The wastewater treatment system continues to operate extremely well.

Safety highlights:

A small tank fire occurred in Tank 113. This is where small plastic beads are mixed into asphalt; the beads and some oil caught fire. The operator was able to extinguish the fire with an extinguisher.

Production

The charge rate remains high. Margins are very strong. A refinery fire in Chicago reduced that operation to half capacity and a Twin Cities refinery has shut down for construction, so demand is very high. Nationwide demand is about 1 ½ percent above last year at this time.

Community Discussion

Liz Lundmark noted that it has been a year since the CAP and refinery took on the cleanup of Newton Creek, raising the question of whether another cleanup was warranted. It was decided to assess the creek and report/discuss at the June meeting.

John Robinson provided an update on an EPA plan for an overall environmental redevelopment of Newton Creek. The plan is 126 pages long, with a comment period ending in June. John said the DNR has reservations about the project because it does not account for the nature of the creek and surrounding area. Dave Podratz noted some ideas in the plan are good, while others do not fit in with local attitudes of what the creek and the surrounding area, including Hog Island and pier area, ought to be like. John McPherson said he would send information about the plan, including web links to the plan site to members following the meeting. The information is located at: www.biohabitats.com, and has been provided to the CAP under separate cover.

Following the break, John McPherson read a poem about Wisconsin. A copy of this poem is included with these minutes as requested by members.

New Business

Mini Grant Presentation –Debbie Ganz and Janie Fouts – Four Corners Elementary

John McPherson introduced Debbie Ganz and Janie Fouts, teachers at Four Corners Elementary School, and one of their students, Nate Van Ert, who reviewed the Mini Grant project funded by the Advisory Panel and refinery.

Students tapped maple trees in a wooded area adjacent to the school, collected sap from the trees and boiled the sap into maple syrup. During the process, students wrote essays, kept logs, performed tests using the scientific method and used equipment very similar to that used to test oil at the Superior refinery.

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A second teacher who accepted a Mini Grant, James Check of Solon Springs High School, did not appear at the meeting, citing a prior conflict.

Adjournment

Following discussion, the January meeting of the Superior Refiner CAP adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: Murphy Oil Superior Refinery Tour
Thursday, June 14, 2007
5:00 Dinner
5:30 Meeting