

***Final Minutes
Restoration Advisory Board
Former Lowry Bombing and Gunnery Range
May 23, 2001***

The May 23rd, 2001, meeting of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) was held at the Doubletree Hotel 13696 East Illiff Place, Aurora, Colorado 80014. The meeting started at 6:15 p.m. (A copy of the agenda is attached.)

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Ms. Bonnie Rader, Community co-chair for the RAB opened the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Ms. Rader asked all in attendance to introduce themselves.

Attendance

The following RAB members were present:

Jerry Hodgson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District, Co-Chair
Jeff Swanson, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment
Bonnie Rader, Community Co-Chair
David Denton, Laing Village L.L.C.
Fred Esposito, Office of Navy Research
Joe Freund, Citizen
Mark Harding, Rangeview Metropolitan District
James Ives, City of Aurora
Bob Hastings, Community member
Ed Lohr, Department of Navy
Pete Pagano, DTH#2 General Partner
Paul Reining, DRI

Other attendees:

Jim Annelle, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District
Tom Barton
Darrell Frey, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII
Dennis Guadarrama, Air Force
Bill Kelso, Parsons Engineering
Amy Lange, CH2M Hill
John Mullen, Stone & Webster
Loren Mason, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tulsa District
Tom O'Hara, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District
George Overby, CH2M Hill
Richard Rader, Thunderbird Estates
Monica Sheets, CO AGO
Chris ten Braak, Stone & Webster
Keith Wegner, Correlation Corp.
Tracie White, Stone & Webster
Barbara Wilson, Stone & Webster
Ed Wilson, Stone & Webster

GENERAL RAB ITEMS

Ms. Bonnie Rader (Community Co-chair) asked if the board had had an opportunity to review the minutes of the prior meeting (March 21st, 2001). Board member Jim Ives, City of Aurora, had not received the minutes and Bill Killip, Colorado State Land Board, was not present, therefore, approval of the March 21st, 2001 draft minutes was deferred to the next RAB meeting (July 25th, 2001).

LOWRY TRAINING ANNEX

Navy Report

Mr. Fred Esposito, Office of Naval Research, presented a summary and overview of the Denver Research Institute (DRI) Site and Ammo Storage Areas located within the Lowry Training Annex. There was no change in status from the previous RAB meeting - the ammo storage area is complete, but the DRI site is still waiting for additional funding. The Site Inspection Report was issued to the State of Colorado, the Environmental Protection Agency and Mr. Keith Wegner (Correlation Corp.) for review.

Question/Answer

Several questions were raised regarding the availability of future funding for the project.

Mr. Esposito stated that he is not overly confident in securing money in fiscal year 2001 (ending in October) and they are looking for fallout money in fiscal year 2002. They are “getting in line” for funding for fiscal year 2003.

Air Force Report

Mr. Dennis Guadarrama reported that the Air Force, as a responsible party for the Lowry Training Annex, is securing funding for the project. Mr. Guadarrama stated that money is available, and they should know within the next 30 days when they can use the money for the Training Annex. He stated that investigation activities should be initiated by the next RAB meeting in July. The rationale and original scope presented previously for the investigation will be followed.

Question/Answer

What is the scope of the investigation and clearance?

The clearance will proceed from the outside toward the inside of the area (proceeding from Area C to Area B to Area A).

FORMER LOWRY BOMBING AND GUNNERY RANGE

Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP)

(handout attached)

Mr. Keith Wegner presented a progress report concerning the TAPP. The report included a progress summary, current tasks, and a cost summary. Mr. Wegner also presented his comments (attached) on the DRI Site Inspection Report. Mr. Wegner recommended accepting the No Further Action recommendation identified in the report.

Question/Answer

How will the DRI site water well be abandoned?

The well has not been used since 1994 and will be abandoned in accordance with state regulations.

How and where was the soil from the site disposed?

The soil met landfill disposal requirements and was disposed of at the Denver Arapahoe Disposal Site (DADS). DADS used the soil as cover material at the landfill.

Settlement Agreement and Field Work Update

(presentation attached)

Mr. Jerry Hodgson presented a summary/update of the FLBGR project status. The presentation included a summary of current activities and a summary of activities completed to date. The new project website (www.nwo.usace.army.mil/flbgr) was introduced and a comment sheet for the website was provided (attached). In addition, a funding update was presented.

Question/Answer

Is the funding information available on the website?

Not at this time, but we'll look into providing it.

How will reduced funding effect the clearance of the Jeep and Demolition Range? Will the Jeep and Demolition Range be cleared (under the reduced funding scenario) before the nearby school is scheduled to open?

With reduced funding, it is unlikely that the JD Range will be cleared prior to the school opening. It was suggested a meeting be held with the Cherry Creek School District regarding the possibility that the new school may be opening prior to full clearance of the JD Range.

Public Comment

Ms. Rader (community co-chair) urged RAB members and other individuals to write to their senators to secure funding to maintain the current clearance objectives and schedule for the FLBGR. Mr. Jeff Swanson (CDPHE) was asked to provide names and addresses and write a draft letter that includes the important and pertinent facts about the site. Mr. Swanson stated he would forward a draft letter to use as template in two weeks and will supply it via e-mail to Ms. Rader.

Ms. Rader stated that her primary recommendation is that Mr. Jeff Swanson debrief the Cherry Creek School District regarding the potential for the new school opening prior to full clearance of the nearby Jeep and Demolition Range.

Adjournment

Arrangements were made for the next meeting to be held July 25th, 2001, 6:00 p.m., at the Doubletree Hotel in Aurora. Meeting notification should be sent on or around July 16th, 2001.