

***Final Minutes
Restoration Advisory Board
Former Lowry Bombing and Gunnery Range
July 25, 2001***

The July 25th, 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:

Jeff Swanson, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE)
Bonnie Rader, Community Co-Chair
Tom Butts, Tri-County Health Department
David Denton, Laing Village L.L.C.
Mark Harding, Rangeview Metropolitan District
Bob Hastings, Community member
James Ives, City of Aurora
Bill Killip, State Land Board
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
Tim Blume, Army Environmental Center, Western Regional Office
Morey Engle, Roy F. Weston
Dennis Guadarrama, Air Force
Randy Hawbaker, Cherry Creek School District
Bill Kelso, Parsons Engineering
John Mullen, Stone & Webster
Loren Mason, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tulsa District
Richard Rader, Thunderbird Estates
Phil Sirls, MicroGeophysics
Chris ten Braak, Stone & Webster
Keith Wegner, Correlation Corp.
Tracie White, 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 two meetings (March 21st, 2001 and May 23, 2001). The minutes for both the March 21st, 2001 and May 23, 2001 RAB meetings were approved without correction.

LOWRY TRAINING ANNEX

Navy Report

Mr. Ed Lohr, Department of the Navy, stated that there was nothing new to report for 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 soonest funding could be secured for the DRI site would be October 2001.

Technical Advisory Services – Correlation Corp. Report

(handout attached)

Mr. Keith Wegner, Correlation Corp., presented a progress report concerning the technical advisory services for the Former Lowry Training Annex and DRI Site. The report included a progress summary, current tasks, and a cost summary. Mr. Wegner also presented his review and conclusions (attached) on the Draft Final Project Closeout Report for Site Inspection Activities – Ammo Storage Areas. Mr. Wegner concurred with the report findings that there is no contamination resulting from OE activities that would adversely affect human health or the environment. He recommended accepting the Office of Naval Research recommendation that the former ammo storage area property be released as “unrestricted for residential, offices, and town center” with the stipulation that OE construction support be required to support any future excavations or below ground surface disturbance.

Question/Answer

A question was raised regarding the flight restrictions that historically were in effect for the DRI site and if they have been officially removed.

Mr. Lohr will investigate the status of flight restrictions in the area and will report his findings at the next RAB meeting.

Will there be a deed restriction for future use of the property?

Mr. Lohr responded that it will be up to the property owner (State Land Board) to enforce that type of restriction. A discussion ensued regarding an environmental covenant bill that was recently passed by the State legislature that would make deed restrictions enforceable through the CDPHE. Mr. Jeff Swanson, CDPHE, will try to have someone (e.g., Mr. Dan Miller, First Assistant Attorney General) available at the next RAB meeting to discuss how the bill may be applicable to the DRI site.

Motion

Mr. Ed Lohr asked that the RAB approve the Draft Final Project Closeout Report for Site Inspection Activities – Ammo Storage Areas. Mr. Lohr made a motion that the RAB accept without objection Mr. Keith Wegner’s recommendation that the conclusions and findings of the report (i.e., Draft Final Project Closeout Report for Site Inspection Activities – Ammo Storage Areas) be accepted.

The motion was seconded and passed by the RAB.

Air Force Report

Mr. Dennis Guadarrama reported that he does not have a waiver for funding the Former Lowry Training Annex project. Mr. Guadarrama stated that there is no opposition, but rather the Department of Defense is restructuring and he is looking for someone to approve and award funding by September 1, 2001.

FORMER LOWRY BOMBING AND GUNNERY RANGE

Discussion

Prior to the presentation on the FLBGR, a discussion was initiated regarding what the RAB can do to support the Cheery Creek School District (CCSD).

Mr. Randy Hawbaker with CCSD replied that they are petitioning State and federal agencies for funding of the FLBGR project. The CCSD is concerned about possible funding shortfalls and the new school opening prior to clearance of nearby areas of concern. The new CCSD high school is scheduled to open in the Fall of 2003 and a middle school will follow soon after. If CCSD does not build the schools, then they will lose their bond. The CCSD would like to see year round response activities in the Jeep/Demo range to assure that the area is completed prior to the new school opening.

Ms. Rader is concerned about what assurances there are regarding clearance in and around the CCSD property. Mr. Hawbaker stated that the property is outside the currently defined boundary of the FLBGR and the construction crew has received training from FLBGR staff in ordnance recognition and how to respond if ordnance is discovered during construction.

Settlement Agreement and Field Work Update

(presentation attached)

Mr. Jeff Swanson 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.

Question/Answer

Given the current infrastructure/support at the site what is the optimal number of field teams?

Eight to ten.

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 noted that he had attempted to review the content of the web site, but he had been unsuccessful in accessing the site.

Adjournment

Arrangements were made for the next meeting to be held September 19th, 2001, 6:00 p.m., at the Aurora Library in Aurora. Meeting notification should be sent on or around September 10th, 2001.