

To: West Valley Citizen Task Force
From: Melinda Holland
Subject: Summary of February 20, 2002, CTF Future Site Use Work Group Meeting
Date: March 14, 2002

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Future Site Use Work Group meeting has not been scheduled at this point in time. A notice will be mailed when a date has been determined.

If you have questions or comments regarding this summary, please contact Melinda Holland at (864) 457-4202, or Tom Attridge at (716) 942-2453.

CTF Attendees

Attending were: Eric Wohlers, Ray Vaughan, Paul Piciulo, Bill King, Alice Williams, Mark Mitskovski (for Larry Rubin), Joe Patti, John Pfeffer, Lee Lambert, Pete Scherer, and Tim Siepel.

Agency Attendees

Tom Barnes, Southern Tier West
Ken Swanekamp, Erie County Department of Environment and Planning
Jack Krajewski, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Congressional Representatives

Ron Hayes, Community Development Representative from Congressman Quinn's office

Meeting Summary

Tom Attridge began the meeting by briefly reviewing what had transpired at the last Future Site Use Work Group meeting as a starting point for discussion.

Tom Barnes then discussed the types of redevelopment studies that have been done in other places. He passed out several Request For Proposals (RFPs) compiled from similar types of studies so the Work Group could see how others have gone about a similar task. Ken Swanekamp also passed out a sample RFP for the CTF to review. Tom prompted the group to discuss what the focus of the proposed study would be, adding that they could focus on just the site redevelopment or a broader, more regional redevelopment study (including but not limited to the site). Tom indicated that a more regional redevelopment strategy would likely be more successful. Ken agreed.

Several members of the Work Group indicated that Senator Clinton expressed interest in becoming involved in Future Site Use and redevelopment of the area during the recent meeting with CTF members in Washington, DC. The Work Group invited Jim Kane from Clinton's office to this meeting, but he was unable to attend.

There was some discussion about possible sources of funding for a redevelopment study. Several possible sources were mentioned including:

- ▶ Federal government (U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. DOE, U.S. Department of Defense, Senator Clinton's Office);
- ▶ State government (Empire State Development Corporation, NYSERDA);

- ▶ Cattaraugus and Erie County; and
- ▶ Universities (Cornell, UB).

Tom Barnes indicated that the cost of having a study done by a reputable consultant can be expensive. Several members suggested that maybe the study could be done in phases to alleviate the funding burden over time.

There was discussion about getting NYSERDA, as site owner, to lead the charge in this effort. A member questioned NYSERDA's hesitancy in moving forward on this. Another member countered by saying that is not what he has heard NYSERDA saying, adding that NYSERDA has many programs that are available, but that a redevelopment study needs to get done to define which NYSERDA programs are most appropriate to plug into. A NYSERDA representative said that the current mission at West Valley (waste management) is defined in the enabling legislation. To include redevelopment of the site in NYSERDA's current mission would require a legislative amendment, which could be fueled by outside groups like the Citizen Task Force.

The meeting transitioned into a more open-ended discourse covering the following general discussion areas:

- ▶ Determining how much money to spend on a redevelopment study;
- ▶ Determining whether redevelopment efforts should be focused only on the site or, more broadly, on the region;
- ▶ Inviting WNY Congressional Delegation into future redevelopment discussions; and
- ▶ Keeping jobs in the area.

Next Steps

The Work Group did not set a date for it's next meeting. [At the March 5, 2002 CTF meeting, a tentative date was set for the Work Group's next meeting – March 19, 2002. However, due to scheduling conflicts, the March 19, 2002 meeting was subsequently postponed. A notice will be sent out once a new date has been determined.]

Observer Comments

There were no observer comments.

List of Documents Distributed at Meeting

- ▶ WVNS Skills/Education Listing
- ▶ Excess/Surplus DOE Property
- ▶ A Description of Facilities at the Western New York Nuclear Services Center
- ▶ Sample Requests for Proposals

To obtain a copy of any document listed above, please contact Sonja Allen at 942-2152 or allens@wvnsco.com.