

Eastwick Lower Darby Creek Area Community Advisory Group
Health, Safety and Communications Working Group
Wednesday, July 15, 2015
Agenda

1. Introductions

2. Review latest revision of CHASP Survey

- a. The HSWG continued to revise the CHASP survey. Purpose of survey is to gather the concerns of the community regarding nuisance and health concerns.
- b. Should we distribute to the broader community or does CAG represent community well?
 - i. If voting members of the CAG are representatives of the community, there was discussion that perhaps we do not need to distribute the survey to the broader community. However, it's not clear whether members of the CAG are reaching out to their constituents, in a manner that they can effectively answer for them when completing the survey. The HSWG requested the Leadership Team remind each CAG member of their responsibility to communicate to their constituents and bring their concerns back to the CAG. The HSWG decided that the survey can serve as a communication item to supplement individual communication efforts, and can gather information for the CHASP and promote community buy-in.
- c. Distribution plan
 - i. What is the target response for surveys? An exact amount may not be necessary as long as we target diverse sectors of the community. The current distribution strategies are as follows: (1) CAG members are volunteering to distribute the surveys at local shopping center; (2) CAG members are volunteering to distribute the surveys in their neighborhood and at religious and civic organizations; (3) Online survey/. Estimated distribution timeline: (1) Finalize the survey before posting online; update to reflect the ELDCA CAG website; (2) Distribute beginning 2 months from now
 - ii. Other places to add to current distribution plan
 - 1. Heinz Refuge; may be more visitors that attend the park compared to community members. Possibly post to community shelf area.
 - 2. ShopRite on Island/Lindbergh. Possibly post to bulletin board.
 - 3. Delaware County: Colwyn and Tribet Place. Police station, church and community center.
- d. Potential distribution sites for the HS Survey

- i. Cibotti Recreation Center-77th Elmwood Ave Contact- Brian Mango-[215-685-4194](tel:215-685-4194)
- ii. Clearview United Methodist Church- 7605 Buist Ave- [215-365-6672](tel:215-365-6672)
- iii. Eastwick Worship Center- 8321 Lindbergh Blvd-Contact- Rev Dr. Michael Roberts- [215-365-1810](tel:215-365-1810)
- iv. St Paul AME Church 8398 Lindbergh Blvd- contact- Rev Frank Smart- [215-365-6280](tel:215-365-6280)
- v. Eastwick regional Park- 80th Mars Place- contact Debbie or Calvin- [215-685-4193](tel:215-685-4193)

3. Current community environmental health status

- a. **Is there a need for community education/outreach now?** Concerns regarding lead and other pollutants in soil that may be from prior industrial activity in the area. Most health professionals recommend raised beds with clean soil for city gardening.
 - i. Community gardens
 - 1. Island and Bartram: Some plots are raised, majority are not
 - 2. Penrose: Difficult to tell if the garden is raised
 - ii. Penn State Extension has guidelines and education materials for above ground gardening and an educational program regarding gardening could be an activity of the CAG. HSWG will share with the CAG recommendations and make an official recommendation to the CAG to promote such program: The HSWG recommends the CAG sponsor an educational session on urban gardening, with speakers from the Penn State Extension. The CAG will have an opportunity to discuss the intersect between the Clearview Landfill and its impact on urban gardening.
 - iii. Suggestions: Wearing gloves while gardening. Keeping gardening shoes and tools outside of the house.
 - iv. “Living and associating with the soil you’re gardening in.” In our meetings, we discussed whether the soil was safe. We are concerned if the soil was safe before Clearview. The only way to know is to test the soil. Until then, it is best to garden using above ground soil beds and do not grow root vegetables

4. Discussion about Health and Safety Plan

- a. Postponed until assigned new CHASP coordinator (EPA consultant)

5. Future meeting dates and location

- a. EPA Meeting Aug 27th
- b. Weather plan of action: Anna will send out meeting to entire CAG

- c. Location: To be announced
- d. Dates: Aug 17th; Sept 17th; Oct 28th; Nov 23rd; Dec 17th

6. Map

- a. Josh presented a map showing EPA's historical test results for Benzo (a) pyrene concentrations in the top two feet of soil near the Clearview Landfill and the Eastwick neighborhood. This was created based on a suggestion from Dr. Howarth at the last meeting. Josh will arrange to make a similar map for each contaminant that has a cleanup level established in the Record of Decision.

7. Attendance:

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| Josh Barber, EPA | Chere Driver, Eastwick Resident | Jeannette |
| Guess, Eastwick Resident | | |
| Dr. Marilyn Howarth, COEC | Deborah Jefferson, Eastwick Resident | Anna Katenta, |
| COEC | | |
| Eileen San Pedro, Eastwick Resident | Earl Wilson, Leadership Team | |