

**Eastwick Lower Darby Creek Area Community Advisory Group
Health and Safety Working Group Meeting
Friday, June 5, 2015
Meeting Minutes**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 22rd 6PM and 3rd Wed each month

1. Introduction

- Welcome
- Anna from COEC will print meeting materials and take minutes

2. Discussion of preferred meeting times

- Selective meetings in person and conference calls
 - Daytime/Early afternoon conference calls; no preference in time
 - In person meeting time at 6pm at Eastwick Regional Park, when available

3. Review of Health and Safety Plans from other sites

- The survey that we develop should be more comprehensive. Use the Hudson River and Passaic documents as a model for potential community concerns.

4. Revision of Survey for Health and Safety Plan

- Original version was confusing and not eye catching
- New version
 - Minimized text and reduced literacy level
 - Included section of where the survey responder lives
 - This helps us to determine if there are differences in the concerns of residents based on the streets that they live in
 - Reworded concern to reflect physical health and environmental health
 - Added pictures
- Add completion instructions to survey. Edit header to read:
 - *'The following are possible safety hazards that may occur during site cleanup. Please share how concerned you are about each safety hazard by **circling** ...'*
 - Bold the word "circle"
 - add "or" between each option
 - *'The following are possibly safety hazards that may occur during site cleanup. Please share how concerned you are about each safety hazard by **circling** 'Very concerned' or 'Not concerned'*
- Questions to add
 - 'Movement of hazardous materials through the neighborhood'
- Add statement: *'If at any time during the cleanup activities, you have concerns or questions, please call...'*

- **WE NEED TO GET A CONTACT AND PHONE NUMBER**
- Move to the beginning of the survey
- Add lines for someone to add their own concerns at the end of the survey
- Edit the following questions about health concerns
 - Change Precipitation to '*storm run-off from site*'
 - '*Contamination due to floods*'
 - '*Contamination of air from the site*'
 - '*Contamination of groundwater from the site*'
 - '*Harm to animals or animal driven from the site into neighborhoods*'
 - '*Contamination of recreation sites*'

Other concerns and recommendations

- CAG meetings should be at recreation center to allow for more people in the community to attend.
- The environmental testing range should be expanded, specifically to include the Penrose school.
 - The Health and Safety Work Group should make a recommendation to the EPA
 - The EPA has already tested Pepper Middle School
- We need access to current aerial photos to see the areas affected by the superfund site on a regular basis
 - Request to Josh: Have a current aerial map at every meeting
 - Will also store pictures on Anna's computer
- Discuss with Josh how the survey will be distributed and returned, and the results of the survey
 - **MUST BE SENT TO EVERYONE AT THE SAME TIME**
 - 19153, possibly other zip codes
 - Possibly include Sharon Hill, because the majority of the landfill is in Delaware County
 - Must have prepaid envelope
 - **Add a refrigerator magnet with contact information**
- We need a complete list of residents with deaths associated with site exposure
 - Dr. Howarth has students that are researching cancer deaths in Eastwick from the last 10 years
 - We need to ask community members about neighbors that have moved away
- Previous meetings with personnel from the health department did not communicate information to the community in a way that was understandable.
- Before the remediation process begins, the community needs to be aware of the plans to ensure protection to the children, yards, gardens and neighborhoods. Determine the contaminants that already exist in the neighborhoods and notify the community about activities that they should avoid now, before the remediation begins. **Is backyard gardening safe?**

- Eastwick community gardens; at the corner Bartram/Island Ave
- Request information to have this garden tested and signs posted on gardens that have been tested
- Raised bed gardening is recommended