

**Eastwick Lower Darby Creek Area Community Advisory Group  
Health, Safety, and Communications Working Group Conference Call  
Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
(712) 451 – 0011; 104407#  
Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance:** Joshua Barber, Margaret Cobb, Chere Driver, Dr. Marilyn Howarth, Anna Katenta, Earl Wilson

**Environmental Health Fair Community Event:** The community was notified about the Environmental Health Fair via flyers posted on the CAG and EPA websites. The EPA also paid for flyers to be inserted into the SW Globe Times to be hand delivered to residents, the Eastwick Library, the Heinz Refuge and the Rec Center. Some community members living on Mars Place have reported that they didn't receive the Globe times, but that is conflicting with information received from Ted Behr. The EPA is following up with Ted Behr to find out who was responsible for delivering the papers. The Globe Times is usually distributed to community centers and businesses, and not the entire community, so it is possible that some residents received the paper for the first time and disregarded it. A better strategy may be hand delivering the flyers. This is a time consuming activity for the EPA and they do not have the flexibility to pay an individual to deliver the flyers. Moving forward, reliable CAG members should be called upon to participate in distribution and communication activities, as stated in the CAG bylaws. Josh reminded the group that for EPA sponsored events like community meetings, it is the EPA's responsibility to distribute and communicate information about meetings or clean up activities to community members. For the next EPA event, the HSCWG suggests the EPA mail announcements to community members.

**Health and Safety plan for the yard removal action:** The CHASP for the removal action will be developed by the contractor that will conduct the soil excavation from the yards; the EPA has yet to secure a contractor and therefore there is no date as to when the Plan will be ready. It has been requested for Mike Towle to make a presentation to the HSCWG about the components of the removal action that address health and safety, such as plans to ensure public safety, air quality monitoring, what residents should do if they see something and how the dust will be controlled/suppressed. If Mike is not available then the August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting will be cancelled. When the CHASP is available it will be shared with the CAG for comments.

**Discuss Baseline Air Monitoring:** The EPA's goal for Baseline Air Monitoring was to sample three seasons: spring, summer and fall. Baseline monitoring will be conducted beginning on the last two weeks of August. Air quality monitoring for particulates will be conducted upwind and downwind of areas that will be excavated during the removal

action of contaminated yards. Since the disclosure of contaminants in residential yards, there has not been a significant increase in residents agreeing to soil testing.

**Distribution strategy for residential soil information sheet:** Josh clarified that it is the EPA's responsibility to distribute the residential soil information sheet to community members. It is very likely that Larry, Josh and other EPA staff will hand deliver the information sheets, and request CAG members to provide supplemental distribution. Josh has agreed to email CAG members and working group Co-Chairs a map of where the EPA has already distributed the sheets, as well as mail pre-stamped envelopes to Ted Behr to distribute to block captains who will then distribute to their neighbors.

**Community Health and Safety Plan Surveys:** At the June HSCWG meeting, several CAG members volunteered to distribute the CHASP surveys to the following locations: St. Paul's Church, Eastwick Library, Dunkin Donuts, Heinz Refuge, Eastwick United Methodist Church, Clearview Church, Shop Rite. The surveys will also be available at the August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 Eastwick Friends and Neighbors Coalition meeting.

**Upcoming meetings:** September 21<sup>st</sup>, October 19<sup>th</sup>, November 16<sup>th</sup>, December 21<sup>st</sup>