

Town of Dewey-Humboldt
Environmental Issues Advisory Committee
Special Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 19, 2008
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1) The meeting was called to order at 6:37pm.

Members present: Treesha deFrance, Chair, Len Marinaccio, Council Liaison, Dr Mike Randall, Bob Bowman, Denise Rogers

Members absent: Doris Cellarius, Lydia Chapman,

Guests: Floyd Wright, Sue Tone

2) Announcements:

Treesha announced the Upper Agua Fria Watershed Stakeholders meeting will be held at Arcosanti on June 3rd.

Len said that the EPA has sent out questioners to some (he didn't know how the recipients were determined) re the Iron King Mine and the Smelter. He also said the site was not yet listed as a Superfund site.

Len also said that on May 14th, William Emerson sent out an email about the disturbance and demolition at the mine site and that ADEQ is sending someone out.

3) Minutes:

Bob made a motion to approve the minutes of April 28th and Denise seconded it. They were unanimously approved.

4) Environmental Elements of the Town Plan:

Denise proposed, for health and safety reasons, that DH ban water/sewage treatment plants until such time as technology advances to the point that all contaminants can be removed from the water. There was a lively discussion of that possibility.

Len presented his concept of the General Plan which is shaped like a triangle horizontally divided in three levels the top level (#1) is Ideas, Values and Attributes; the middle level (#2) is Goals; and the bottom level (#3) is Policies and Strategies. Len believes that the DH Plan lacks level 3, actual policies and strategies.

We reviewed the air quality element Len and Treesha prepared and thought it was good and included the concerns of the EIAC. We then discussed the water quality component of the environmental element, Denise and Bob worked on that portion: Attributes: Wells - quality spotty, arsenic and nitrates in past testing; River - affected by PV discharge and mine tailings in washes; Aquifer - affected by mine tailings and PV discharge. Goals: Protect! Policy & Strategy: Wells - There was a discussion of the Town's well testing, and the DHCO testing done in the '90s and it was concluded that DH needs to encourage, and perhaps contribute to the cost of, regular testing of private wells; River - Develop and implement testing protocol and storm water runoff control requirements; Aquifer -

Be informed about emerging contaminants of concern and new septic and water/sewage treatment technology; Educate the public about and participate with Yavapai County hazardous waste clean-up/disposal opportunities.

Next was a more general discussion of the Natural Resources portion of the environmental element, worked on by Mike and Lydia, who was not present: Attributes: Archeological Sites and Artifacts; Quiet; Dark Skies.

Len and Treesha will finish writing up the environmental element components based on the discussion tonight, and submit it by the 27th to the manager for inclusion in the agenda packet for council consideration at their June 3, 2008 work session on the plan, as per the manager's email to the committee.

We discussed whether these things were likely to be added to the Plan since the ARS did not require them. We want them in as the respondents to the Survey value these things! There was a brief discussion about Open Space, including Garry's disregarded submission, and the value of having that Element included – again because people responding to the Survey value it.

- 5) There were no comments from the public at this time.
- 6) There were no comments from the members at this time.
- 7) Mike motioned to adjourn at 8:55.

Signed: Treesha DeFrance Date: 8/25/08