



Portsmouth Site Specific Advisory Board
Future Land Use Subcommittee Summary
January 7, 2009

Subcommittee Members:

Val Francis

Dan Minter
Steve Martin

DOE Representatives: Dave Kozlowski
Greg Simonton

Support Staff: Eric Roberts, EHI
Kate Timmons, EHI

Meeting opened at 4 p.m.

SODI Presentation

Jennifer Chandler, executive director of SODI, gave a presentation on the role of SODI as a Community Reuse Organization. Chandler discussed the local economic development projects SODI had completed as well as some options that are being explored for the DOE site, such as upgrading the west entrance of the PORTS site, install sanitary sewer lines at the Pike County Manufacturing Center, renewable energy projects and a cultural center.

Swain commended SODI with the letters that were sent out, but inquired about the unemployment rate in Scioto County. The letter stated that it was at 9.1%, while Swain stated that the current figure is 19.1% and should be corrected in future documents. Chandler stated that she would gather information from the other sites, like Los Alamos, and see how they compare with the local region. Kozlowski stated that Los Alamos is a little different in the fact that the DOE built that community, but doesn't mean that the same community investment principles can't be applied here. Minter added that Oak Ridge is doing something similar with utility usage in the community.

Feight inquired about the currently pending SONIC/GNEP spent nuclear fuel (SNF) proposal in which SODI was involved. Feight expressed the concerns of community members who believe that Simonton's personal involvement with the SONIC proposal has created a

conflict of interest involving Simonton's appointment to oversee the SSAB. Feight questioned why committee member Dan Minter had previously claimed that SODI never participated in a SNF proposal for the Piketon site and why he suggested that any documents claiming otherwise were somehow of questionable validity. Feight distributed annotated copies of the SONIC/GNEP proposal, which clearly includes a proposal for the interim storage of SNF. The proposal also clearly identifies Simonton as a project leader for SONIC.

Simonton stated that he was no longer employed by SODI.

Kozlowski responded to the issue by stating that the lawyers at DOE had examined Simonton for possible conflicts of interest and had determined that none exist. Chandler informed the committee that the SODI board agreed to dissolve SONIC. Swain requested that a declaration be made that SODI would never support interim storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel in the area. Chandler said that she would request that the SODI board make that declaration at their next board meeting.

Feight does not see how GNEP is going to diversify the local economy. Chandler stated that SODI's role is to consider projects to see how they will fit the site. She continued by stating that a non-nuclear project cannot go inside Perimeter Road. Blackburn added that Piketon is in the middle of the eastern nuclear sites; making it a great location for spent nuclear fuel storage, but would eliminate the opportunity for economic growth. Blackburn inquired about SODI's project with SONIC and if Simonton is still the project manager. Simonton stated that he is not.

Swain addressed the community distrust that exists regarding SODI's involvement with the SONIC/GNEP application and its "separate but integral proposal for the interim storage of snf" and Greg Simonton's leadership role in SONIC and SODI. Swain questioned the appropriateness of assigning Greg the role of overseeing the SSAB given community perceptions and distrust related to his role in SONIC and his role in promoting a non-FACA stakeholders advisory committee. Swain emphasized that she was not questioning Greg Simonton's personal character, but rather the role he played in the SONIC GNEP/spent nuclear fuel issue and how that affects the community's trust. Kozlowski stated that there was a blacked out selection in the proposal as a result of a partner dropping out of the project. Chandler told the subcommittee that she requested a copy of the proposal from ePIFNI and was told that they do not have it.

Manson stated that part of the board member's job is to convince the public that the committee is doing their job with honesty and integrity. Public distrust should not keep the members from performing the job they were charged to do. Kozlowski added that the DOE desires to do the right thing for the community and the best way to eliminate trust issues is to give it time and work toward accomplishments. Francis reiterated that this whole process brings a certain level of distrust in the DOE, and stressed the importance of discussing all of the issues and to hear each other out and be respectful of different viewpoints.

Swain inquired if the committee can make a recommendation to the board to not support spent nuclear fuel storage. Minter added that in addition to recommending

what the committee doesn't want, to also make some recommendations of things the committee wants to see happen.

Action Items:

1. Committee requests that the Portsmouth DUF6 RFP be linked to the Board website.
2. Committee requests that the Excess Uranium Management Plan be linked to the Board website.
3. Committee requests copies of Feight's handout with his notes.
4. Committee requests a recommendation on interim spent nuclear fuel storage to be drafted by Swain.

Next meeting: February 3, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.