

MONITORING COMMITTEE



AGENDA

4.23.19

4:30 PM

@Route 9 Library
(Black Box Theater)

PACKET

- Previous meeting notes
- Mission/vision statements

- Introductions
- Previous Meeting Notes
- Review of Mission/Vision Statements
- Overview of Eden/Hamilton Park Survey Results
 - <https://www.nccde.org/DocumentCenter/View/29865/Residential-Survey-Final-Report-January-25-2019>

BRIEF UPDATES

- Public health coordination
- Brownfields 101 workshop
- Recent land development scan – *no new proposals*
- OJT Subcommittee
- Outreach Subcommittee
- Next meeting?

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Route 9 Monitoring Committee Meeting Minutes

3/19/2018

An audio recording of this meeting is available at <http://www.wilmapco.org/route9/>.

Attendees

- Tyron Clemmons, Simonds Gardens Civic Assoc.
- Carlos Dipres, First State Community Action Agency
- Kelicia Dix, WILMAPCO
- Troy Farmer, YWCA
- Mike Hahn, DelDOT Planning
- Renae Held, DNREC
- Lee Jarmon, Overview Gardens/Garfield Park Civic Association
- Caleb Jervay, Resident
- Jamie Mack, Delaware Department of Health and Social Services
- Philip McBride, NCC Land Use
- Pastor Louis McDuffy, Eden Park / Hamilton Park
- Randi Novakoff, WILMAPCO
- Steve Ottinger, DTC
- Rev. Lawrence Pelham, Coleman Memorial UMC
- Ky Robinson, Prorank
- Sandra Smithers, New Castle Prevention Coalition
- Jeanette Swain, Collins Park Civic Association
- Bill Swiatek, WILMAPCO
- Dora Williams, Rosehill

Minutes

- **[0:00:45 in recording] Previous Meeting Notes:** The committee reviewed the previous meeting minutes.
 - Mr. Swiatek review meeting notes from the February meeting packet and asked if anyone had any clarifications or corrections for the meeting notes. No one did -- the notes were accepted.
- **[0:01:12 in recording] Review of Mission and Vision Statements:**
 - Mr. Swiatek read the mission and vision statements. There was no discussion of them.
- **[0:02:00 in recording] Division of Public Health:**
 - Mr. Swiatek introduces Jamie and the need for the state to better understand community health concerns. State data and community concerns do not jibe. Public health was a component of the Master Plan and its transportation project prioritization process.

- Mr. Mack hands out two papers illustrating the purpose of the project for the group to read later and commences presenting. Based on the data found, he gives a summary of what the Delaware Health and Social Services studies conclude.
 - Cancer analysis:
http://www.wilmapco.org/Rt_9/Presentations/Mar2019/Public_Health_Cancer_Report_3.19.19.pdf
 - Data on file suggest that contrary to public belief, cancer is not a large risk in the Route 9 corridor. The cancers that are present are not at elevated levels and are caused by different factors, but more so lifestyle than environmental factors.
 - Asthma and other chronic illnesses, however, are likely major issues in the area due to the pollutants in the air. However, unfortunately, localized data do not exist.
- Mr. Jarmon said that while asthma is an issue, there is an elevated risk of cancer. Dust is another major issue and is coming from the grinding of concrete along with other particulates causing general breathing issues. He believes that these problems should not be over looked.
 - Mr. Mack refers to the secondary paper (outreach brochure) to get more information on the data that was found. There is also information on all cancer related programs for example cancer screening and cancer treatment.
- Mr. Jervay questions how the data in this report are being collected. He said that there was air quality testing in the Eden/Hamilton Park neighborhoods, of which he was a part. There is air pollution that causes cancer and respiratory illnesses in this area. How is it that this does not show in the state's data?
 - Mr. Mack says that asthma and bronchitis data are, unfortunately, lacking for local analysis.
 - All cancer cases are reported to the Division of Public Health. There is a registry of these cases. Elevated rates are based on a 3-5 year rolling averages at the census tract level and the analysis compares the data to other areas in the state. Elevations cannot be found using this method in the Route 9 area. That's not to say an individual block may not have a higher rate that's being masked by this analysis. Mr. Mack said that having community conversations is a necessary starting point for the state to understand community concerns to see if these data/methods are lacking.
 Mr. Jervay questions if these data are based on people who are sick or who die of cancer? Mr. Mack responds that both are collected.
- Mr. Pelham inquired as to where he can get these data, why should we compare this area to the entire state (the entire state is polluted so this is not the best comparison to make), and what is the severity of the health risks in this area in comparison to areas without such pollutants?
 - Mr. Mack responds that DNREC would have the air quality data he was asking for. There is not a lot of local air sampling.
 - Mr. Swiatek adds that Ms. Held would be a great resource for more information from DNREC. She worked on a recent monitoring study on Terminal Ave. The study found there were large amounts of dust in the area, but they did not find elevated PM2.5 levels.

- Ms. Held agrees with Mr. Swiatek's statement and adds that the study was concluded after two years and are still working on analysis. They found elevated large particulates, but not elevated levels of smaller particulates. They are working with facilities to reduce dust emissions. They also want to do more monitoring further south.
- Ms. Smithers inquires on how people who breath this dust in daily vs 8 hours a day for a job and why are we not making dust a priority.
- Pastor McDuffy adds that he participated in a class action lawsuit during the 1990's in which they found that the air quality was very poor back then. It was also found that a chemical used in cigarettes was found in the material used to lay some of the grounding in the area; therefore, when dust is kicked up over the years from the pavement, those toxic chemicals are inhaled and cause cancer. Although the court case was eventually won; He feels as though nothing has changed within all the years following up to now.
 - Mr. Jervay reinstates his stand on how important it is to see all data collected on this issue.
 - Mr. Mack claims he has never seen anything about this study before.
 - Mr. Pelham questions if the files were purged 3- 5 years later because they only keep files that they find is "critical".
 - Pastor McDuffy agrees with Mr. Pelham
 - Ms. Smithers states that there is a huge credibility issue when it comes to the government because of the distribution of misinformation and what seems to be purposefully disregarding other important information.
 - Mr. Mack acknowledges that there is a problem; but states he has not personally purged any files.
 - Pastor McDuffy gave Mr. Mack a copy of the papers from the lawsuit, although now the government will not claim that this document exists anymore, to consider for the next meeting.
- Mr. Mack announces that in May 2019, a public environmental tracking network will be launched to allow anyone to look at a map and select the area in which the reside to see specific cancer rates in the area.
- Mr. Jarmon says that all industries should report what they are doing to the state of Delaware in order to have a better understanding of what is in the air.
- Ms. Smithers would like to see a record of how social factors and environmental factors act together to cause health issues. She believes that the only way for this to happen is to have all the departments that collect this kind of data all around Delaware should be shared with one another. For example, to say that a community is eating poorly which could cause illnesses, factors such as proximity to healthy food, fast food restaurants and cost should also be considered. The only way that all of that data could be recorded is if the agencies that specialize in these areas on analytics worked together.
 - She also brings attention to the idea that the people who are living in these areas need to be at these meetings and are constantly studied but never asked to attend. Ms. Smithers also brings attention to the point that since the meeting starts at 4:30pm, getting here is very hard for people who are still at work so early in the day.
 - We need to hire from within to have a safe person that the community can express their concerns to that we can gather information from as to what is wrong with the community.

- Mr. Swiatek says there is a huge disconnect between health data and the community experience. He agrees with Ms. Smithers about her points. He said that all this should be the beginning of a productive conversation between the community and government around these disconnects in public health.
 - Mr. Swiatek asks for suggestions on how to move forward with that conversation.
 - Mr. Jervay suggests that we need to define the problem before anything can be done and Ms. Smithers agrees.
 - Mr. Pelham suggests the formation of a non-profit neighborhood organization because he believes that government organizations are never going to work together efficiently and with the community despite having “the best intentions”. We must hire our own professionals.
 - Pastor McDuffy agrees and adds that the only other way to fix things is to create another lawsuit.
 - Mr. Mack says he will gather the information that the Delaware Health and Social Services can gather and give it to the committee by first giving a link to Mr. Swiatek to disperse.
 - Mr. Swiatek suggested that perhaps a subgroup of civic leaders could start working together with the state to begin understanding the disconnects.
 - Mr. Mack said he is willing to participate and is here to listen and learn from the community.
- **[0:56:32 in recording] OJT Subcommittee:**
 - Mr. Robinson said that the Monitoring Committee’s OJT (on the job training)/local hire program for DelDOT was finally funded. The idea of the program is that contractors will be required to train/hire people within the local community where the project is taking place (in this case the Route 9 area) for construction jobs. This program is aimed to increase employment among the community and provide more ownership of the projects. Mr. Robinson will be writing proposed contract language for DelDOT to adopt to carry this program out with projects from the Route 9 Master Plan. Hopefully, it will serve as a model for other projects in the state and beyond.
 - Mr. Swiatek thanks New Castle County Community Services for funding the project.
 - Ms. Farmer is also working to recruit for DelDOT’s existing OJT program. The YWCA has created a program named WAND (Women Achieving New Directions) in partnership with DelDOT. They are recruiting for a free and paid on the job training program.
 - Job types include:
 - Air Compressor Operator
 - Asphalt Paving Machine Operator
 - Backhoe Operator
 - Bulldozer Operator
 - Carpenter
 - Concrete Finisher
 - Concrete Paving Machine Operator
 - Crane Dragline and Shovel
 - Electrical Worker
 - Foreman, Highway construction
 - Front End Loader Operator
 - Greaser/Oiler
 - Guard Rail Erector

- Ironworker Structural
 - Mason Structural
 - Motor Grader Operator
 - Pile Hammer Operator
 - Roller Operator
 - Scraper
 - Sign Erector
 - Steel Painter
 - And more!
 - In addition to the training, the program will aid in job placement, case management, career counseling, and ongoing workforce workshops.
- Mr. Ottinger also alerts the committee that DART also provides training for a Class A CDL.
- **[1:07:47 in recording] Nemours:**
 - Ms. Phillips Reviews the [2019 Community Health Needs Assessment \(http://www.wilmapco.org/Rt_9/Presentations/Mar2019/Nemours_Presentation_3.19.19.pdf\)](http://www.wilmapco.org/Rt_9/Presentations/Mar2019/Nemours_Presentation_3.19.19.pdf) and encourages the committee to fill out a questionnaire for prioritizing health problems in the community.
 - Ms. Farmer asks is there any preventative matters to change any of the more startling statistics in the presentation.
 - Ms. Phillips replies to say yes, whether the problem is more of a social issue or environmental issue, they are creating plans to fix them. No genetic conditions are being presented in the PowerPoint for that reason
 - Ms. Farmer follows up by asking how misdiagnosing kids with illnesses like ADHD, etc. will also change in communities predominantly minority based.
 - Ms. Phillips admits that this is a major problem around the state and to please place this concern on the survey.
 - Ms. Smithers suggests that the survey we are taking may be inaccurate because very few of us in the room actually live along the Route 9 Corridor so most people would not know what needs to be changed. Also, how will this data effect the children.
 - Ms. Phillips refers Ms. Smithers to the last slide for general data but unfortunately no data is specifically for Route 9 and clarified that survey responses are not specific to Route 9, but will be viewed only at a regional level. So, everyone should take the survey. She encouraged the wide dissemination of the survey. Beyond presenting it here and at the New Castle Prevention Coalition, a link will be shared with the committee to disseminate.
- **[1:51:02 in recording] Brief Updates:**
 - Ms. Dix begins doing an overview on updates in local land developments. First, she reviews how to access the map of planned developments located on page 12 of the meeting packet. She then gives a brief overview of page 13 which features all of the improvements in the area between Terminal Ave. in Wilmington and just north of New Castle.
 - Monitoring Committee Packet (3/19/2019) (http://www.wilmapco.org/Rt_9/Meetings/MC_Packet_3.19.19.pdf)
 - Land Development Details (Page 13)

- Land development is being done on the north side of Terminal Avenue, 544 feet east of I-495 for F & H Transport Inc. Plans include extinguishing existing property lines and create a new site entrance.
(<http://www3.nccde.org/Project/details/default.aspx?PROJECTKEY=627266>)
 - The large red polygon area located on the north side of Lambson Lane, 3,000 feet east of New Castle Avenue, is constructing a 126,200 sf warehouse building north of the existing warehouse (93,445 sf) on the same parcel for the Delaware River Industrial Park, LLC. In addition to the new warehouse, bicycle parking, and a stormwater management facility are also proposed for this site. (Note: Address 618 Lambson Lane)
(<http://www3.nccde.org/Project/details/default.aspx?PROJECTKEY=625657>)
 - The orange polygon on the Southeasterly corner of Lambson Lane and Davidson Lane, there is a proposal for parking lot expansion for a 960 sf truck wash station for Evergreen Waste Services. (Note: Address 619 Lambson Lane)
<http://www3.nccde.org/Project/details/default.aspx?PROJECTKEY=591576>
 - The blue polygon on the Northeasterly corner of McCullough Drive and Industrial Boulevard intersection, Adesis Inc. is proposing to construct two chemical storage sheds and a mechanical shed in the rear yard of existing laboratory facility.
(<http://www3.nccde.org/Project/details/default.aspx?PROJECTKEY=606330>)
 - The small red polygon on the west side of Moores Lane, 415 feet south of Constitution Boulevard, efforts are being put forth to maintain the property by adding greenery in a self-storage center named Moore Storage. (<http://www3.nccde.org/Project/details/default.aspx?PROJECTKEY=559308>)
- Mr. Swiatek follows up with that there is very limited information presented on these projects, but encouraged members to check out each of the links on page 13. New Castle County made this Resident Toolbox publicly available and we are simply giving members an overview of how to use it and identify pending developments – a long-standing community request. Members of the committee agreed that this was helpful.
- **[1:55:34 in recording] Outreach subcommittee**
 - Ms. Novakoff states that the outreach subcommittee met last month to review ways to promote better knowledge about the Route 9 Master Plan. Creating a video, a Facebook Live, and community workshops were among a few of the ideas of better getting the word out.
 - Ms. Swain contacted the Route 9 library to see if we could have the video shown there; the library agreed and will provide a videographer.
 - Ms. Novakoff wants the video to feature local shop owners, community members, etc. in the video.

- Mr. Hahn agreed to help make a video.
 - Mr. Swiatek inquired how long the video will be.
 - Ms. Novakoff replies that there is no set time at this moment.
- The next Monitoring Committee meeting will be held on April 23, 2019 at 4:30 pm in the Black Box Theater of the Route 9 Library.

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