

Downtown Camas Association – Public Participation in the Georgia-Pacific Mill Site Clean Up Project



Meeting minutes: Community Advisory Group Meeting #2

Thursday, February 10, 2022 | 4 – 5:30 p.m.

Meeting Attendees

Community Advisory Group (CAG) Members:

- Caroline Mercury, Chair
- Leslie Lewallen, City of Camas
- Marty Snell
- April Berlin
- Randal Friedman
- David Ripp, Port of Camas-Washougal
- Tim Hein, City of Camas
- Steve Young
- Marquita Call
- Kalani Cox

Maul Foster & Alongi (MFA) Members:

- Alan Hughes
- Will Henderson
- Emily Hess
- Abbi Russell
- ZZ Lundburg

Downtown Camas Association (DCA) Members:

- Carrie Schulstad, Executive Director

Meeting Purpose and Topics:

Meeting objectives included:

- Review and approve Community Advisory Group Charter
- Review and approve Public Involvement Plan
- Review and discuss the Draft Remedial Investigation Work Plan comment matrix
- Discuss next steps
- **Opening:** 4 – 4:10 p.m.
 - Welcome and introductions
 - Approve Jan. 13, 2022, meeting minutes
 - Agenda review
- **Review updates to the CAG Charter and Public Involvement Plan:** 4:15– 4:25 p.m.
- **Review Draft Remedial Investigation (RI) Work Plan:** 4:25 – 4:55 p.m.
 - Review and discuss draft RI Work Plan comment summary
 - Timeline and next steps

- Outcomes
- **Next steps:** 5:25 – 5:30 p.m.
- **Adjourn:** 5:31 p.m.

[The full meeting agenda can be found online.](#)

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting began at 4:00 p.m.

MFA and DCA staff introduced themselves and reviewed the proposed agenda for the meeting. The CAG members approved the agenda.

Public Participation Plan and CAG Charter review: **Abbi Russell, MFA**, presented the updated Public Involvement Plan and CAG charter and asked the CAG members for additional clarifications and edits.

CAG member April Berlin shared that she was listed as being from Camas but is from Washougal. Abbi noted that this change would be made.

CAG charter: While members of the CAG can speak about the project and the CAG's activities, they are not able to speak on behalf of the CAG. CAG member Randal Friedman asked for clarification and CAG Chair Caroline Mercury reiterated that if asked by members of the public about the project and the CAG, CAG members should direct them to Caroline and the DCA email.

CAG member Steve Young shared additional public events hosted by the Port of Camas-Washougal that could be attended by the DCA to promote the project. CAG member Marty Snell asked that homeowner associations (HOAs) should be added, with a caveat that not all HOAs are active.

Public Involvement Plan: Abbi led the CAG in a conversation about audiences as described in the plan. A few CAG members expressed that the language should reflect that all community members will be engaged rather than calling out specific groups. The MFA team will compile notes from the conversation and update the plan in coordination with Chair Mercury and the DCA.

Draft Remedial Investigation Workplan Comment Matrix Review: **Alan Hughes and Emily Hess, MFA**, presented the themes pulled from the RI Workplan comment matrix. Using a Mural Dashboard, the CAG members discussed the goals, outcome, and vision to be incorporated into the PIP.

Theme 1: Work Plan Completeness/ Approach. The Agreed Order between Ecology and GP requires that a remedial investigation work is completed to evaluate potential chemical contamination at the Site. The approach to the investigation or the amount and type of work being included in the remedial investigation work plan can vary.

CAG Input:

- Question: Why is GP willing to do this?
 - o They have been instructed by the DOE.

Theme 2: MTCA Regulations. The Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) is Washington's environmental cleanup regulations. MTCA directs the investigation and cleanup of sites that are contaminated by hazardous chemicals. MTCA regulations provide guidance for conducting investigations and cleanups based on risk to human health and the environment. The Washington State Department of Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program has primary responsibility for implementing and enforcing MTCA.

CAG Input:

- Question: Where does this fall in undefined future regulations?
- Question: Has there been communication with GP?
 - o There has been no communication between GP and the MFA team.

Theme 3: Extent of Site. Site is anywhere contamination related to the facility has come to exist, regardless of media type (e.g., soil, groundwater, surface water, air, sediment), transport mechanism (e.g., air emission, stormwater, soil erosion, groundwater migration). The definition of Site therefore is where chemicals are present and are defined by property boundaries or tax lots.

CAG Input:

- N/A

Theme 4: Consideration of COPCs/Completeness of Sampling. Chemicals of potential concern (COPCs) are chemicals that might be present at the Site, due to use in operations, by-products of processes, or as chemicals breakdown in the environment to other chemicals. The focus of a remedial investigation is to characterize the nature (what chemicals in what media) and extent (how far the chemicals are present vertically & laterally in the environment) of these chemicals by sampling all applicable media for these chemicals.

CAG Input:

- N/A

Theme 5: Operations Accuracy. Having a robust understanding of the operations, transport, storage, and releases of chemicals at the property over the entire operational history is important to understand to make sure the investigation looks in the right places for the appropriate chemicals.

CAG Input:

- N/A

Theme 6: Other Comments

CAG Input:

- Question: Format of plans from City? It helps to have community input

Next Steps: Will Henderson, MFA, wrapped up the meeting and went over next steps:

- Incorporating notes into the CAG charter
- Incorporating notes into Public Participation Plan
- Next CAG Meeting: March 10, 2022
 - o Expected topics: Discuss the RI plan comments and future public events

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

CONTACT INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Sign up for email updates and learn more at: www.downtowncamas.com/camaswamillinfo

Email questions and comments to Caroline Mercury, DCA Past President:
camaswamillinfo@downtowncamas.com

Read and review the draft Remedial Investigation Work Plan:
<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?%20csid=15156>