



Public Participation in the Georgia-Pacific Mill Site Clean Up Project

Meeting minutes: Community Advisory Group Meeting, October 12, 2023, 4 -5:00 pm

Attendees

Community Advisory Group (CAG) Members:

- Caroline Mercury, Chair
- Jennifer Senescu, City of Camas
- Larry Keister, Port of Camas-Washougal
- David Ripp, Port of Camas-Washougal
- Natalie Swan, Yakama Nation
- Elena Ramirez, Yakama Nation
- Randal Friedman
- April Berlin
- Marty Snell
- Steve Young
- Mark Nickerson
- Steve Sylvester
- Zach Linn

Six members of the community observed via Zoom.

Meeting Minutes

Meeting began at 4:00 pm. Minutes from July 13, 2023, were reviewed and approved by consensus.

Introductions and welcome of two new members, Steve Sylvester, and Zach Linn.

Caroline Mercury, chair, reviewed the following:

- CAG charter, emphasizing the responsibilities and limitations of members regarding the communications protocol as described in the charter.
- Origin and purpose of a community advisory group like this one - to fulfill the Washington State Model Toxic Control Act provision that ensures the public is informed and has access to the process during a cleanup and the planning of it. [Model Toxics Control Act - Washington State Department of Ecology](#)
- CAG focus for this 2 year period will be educational. This is in response to the themes heard during public events; what operations took place at the Camas Mill, chemicals used, how that may impact air, water, soil in the area.

An ad hoc team met on 9/26/23 to discuss revisions to the infographic prepared by Maul, Foster & Alongi. The CAG had expressed a desire to alter it in order to make it more accessible as an educational tool.

- Recommend splitting the graphic and accompanying text into three panels – air, water, soil – to simplify the information. This also has the advantage of three posters that can be displayed at public events, increasing engagement opportunities between citizens and our volunteers.
- Steve Sylvester shared a draft slide deck he prepared that covers basic paper and pulping processes to help citizens gain a general understanding.

Next steps:

- Ad hoc team will reconvene to further develop the slide deck and separate graphics for the conceptual site model.

Next meeting – January 11, 2024, 4- 5pm via Zoom.