

Dewey-Humboldt Community Environmental Board Meeting

September 12, 2018 at the Dewey-Humboldt Town Library Meeting Room - Start time at 12:30 PM

Attendees: Sue Shimer (Dewey-Humboldt Resident), Margaret Dewey (Project Harvest), Len Marinacchio (Dewey-Humboldt Resident), Dale Bennett (Dewey-Humboldt Resident), Brian Beck (Brian Beck Consulting, LLC.), Ron Thibideau (Dewey-Humboldt Resident), Melissa Sevigny (KNAU), Dr. Mónica Ramírez-Andreotta (UA Superfund Research Program), Denise Moreno Ramírez (UA Superfund Research Program). Attending by phone: Yolanda Sanchez (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Community Involvement)

CAB members/friends not present: Jeff Schalau (UA Extension), Sandy Geiger (Humboldt Resident), Cecil F. Newell (Yavapai County), Terry Nolan (Mayor Dewey-Humboldt), Leslie Horton (Yavapai County), Kim Nathe, Christina Books, Ashley Preston, Gary Lowrie, Doria Lake, Lon Ullmann, Eddie Hill, Ted Brooks, Amy Timmons, Doris Cellarius, Heather Parker, Rose Eitemiller, Julie Brown, Gary Beverly, Steve Beirl, Garry Rogers, Bart Brush, Doug Treadway and Jordan Faehn, Jim McCaugland (Dewey-Humboldt Resident).

Agenda Item: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Remedial Investigations and Community Involvement Updates – Yolanda Sánchez

- August field site visit to support the ongoing feasibility study – the study of options to address site contamination.
- US EPA has identified two new contractors from the Superfund Redevelopment Initiative. Looking at developing a reuse plan for the smelter property (discussed with Mayor Nolan).
- Would like to have a public workshop maybe late November or early December.
- Community Question: Fencing along Gulch area being kept? Len has observed that it is being cut by people. Does U.E. EPA hope to maintain?
- Community Question: Will the Superfund program be impacted by U.S. EPA budget cuts? U.S. EPA personnel has been getting this question a lot and their budget has been the same for the past years (continuing resolution until September). Budget for U.S. EPA has a line item from Congress.
- The site work for the Iron King Mine and Humboldt Smelter Superfund site is contingent on the money the U.S. EPA has since there are no responsible parties contributing. Money for feasibility study has been budgeted.
- Will be back on September 25th for a special Dewey-Humboldt Town Council Meeting where they will bring the contractors working on the reuse plan.

- Action Item: Yolanda will follow-up regarding Len M.'s question on the fencing. She will also get back to the group on the reuse ideas for the site.

Agenda Item: Project Harvest

- Monica Ramirez-Andreotta provide a general overview of the project.
- Project Harvest is interested in both Coliforms and metals (things that might leach out of rainwater harvesting source). Do these pollutants get trapped in soil? Interested in what are the outcomes are when people participate in the research.
- Two types – 1) collect and send to University of Arizona or 2) “Do It Yourself”
- Overall, Dewey-Humboldt is doing great!
- For the “Do It Yourself” type Project Harvest is seeing lower numbers of participants and they are assuming it is because information is not being reported to Project Harvest.
- Data sharing event in early December 2018. Plus, experiential learning via audio (soundwaves). If your sample exceeds a standard, you have the display light up! You’ll have a flash drive that will display data.
- Project running until winter of 2020!
- Margret Dewey is the local health representative.
- Community Question: How about DEET? Monica will have to look up chemical make-up. Project Harvest used the U.S. Geological Survey water run off guidelines to come up with the list.
- Community Question: Is Project Harvest considering what the town utilizes to spray for pest (herbicide and pesticides). Project Harvest is looking at what they are using to infuse telephone posts / fence.
- Community Question: Are any participants using their harvested water indoors. Project Harvest has seen that they are typically using to water plants (garden or ornamental plants) and some used for indoor plants.
- Community Comment: It would be interesting to use rainwater for the laundry and then to the toilet. Only issue would be microbial...waiting for information on this or recommendations.

Agenda Item: Voices Unheard: Arizona’s Environmental History Project

- Denise Moreno Ramirez provided a general overview of the project.
- Voices Unheard realized that there was a gap in the history; it was not documenting Mexican Miners. This was verified by a living miner that worked at Iron King Mine.
- Sharlott Hall did not contain very much of the Mexican history of the area or mine. But in what they had, there was one oral history from a Mexican miner that worked at Iron King. This miner described the segregation of the area, both Prescott and Humboldt.
- Community Comment: There is a Mexican population behind Mayer; the Olivera Family still is in area.
- Community Comment: David Statler ran the assay office of the Iron King. He is still alive.
- Voice Unheard has started to document the names of the Mexican Miners as part of the project as well as opened slots in the oral history project dedicated to the Mexican miners.

- Community Comment: Talk to the people at the historical society to track down people in the area.
- Voices Unheard displayed the current interviewee list in order to get comments.
- Community Comment: Did you find anything about the Yavapai Apache? Brian Beck suggested Farish (reference) where this information might be detailed.

Agenda Item: CEB Business

- Agua Fria Festival - need volunteer to provide information about the CEB and recruit more people to attend meetings.
- Provided a copy of the 1-pager that was created for the CEB.
- Ron would be going to the event and he will stop by to assist.
- Len might be able to make it but dependent if he has to work.
- It was discussed that they can provide the CEB 1-pagers at the Town Offices, Library and Margret might be able to distribute.
- U.S. EPA to provide a live presentation in December: It is something that the CEB members would like to experience an in-person presentation. Len mentioned that the U.S. EPA has suggested that community involvement is very important. People would not mind moving the meeting in order to coordinate this live presentation by U.S. EPA. Yolanda will contact Denise in order to provide their next meeting which more than likely be in December.
- It was discussed that Margaret and others from the CEB would attend the September 25th Special Town Council meeting.
- Community Question: What is happening with the University of Arizona health projects? Monica will be sending Brian Beck information on the MESH study. Brian Beck will be in contact with Monica regarding a paper he had read to double check if it was UA Superfund group.
- Community Comment: The Special Town Meeting on September 25th will also be available online as a video.
- Community Question: Would U.S. EPA be able to provide a copy of the presentation that would be presented on September 25th. Yolanda will figure out what can happen in order to provide the group the copy of the presentation.

NEXT MEETING December 2018