

SANTA SUSANA FIELD LAB-COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP (SSFL-CAG)

MINUTES FROM JANUARY 13, 2014 MEETING

BELL CANYON COMMUNITY ROOM

Meeting called to order: 7:11PM

Members present: Alec Uzemeck, Ron Ziman, Richard Brandlin, Christina Walsh, Brian Sujata, Diana Dixon-Davis, Sharon Ford, Poly Geogilas, Michael Kuhn, John Luker, Abe Weitzberg, Sam Cohen, Christian Kiillkkaa, Kathy Weiner

Members Absent: Ross Berman, Linda Hays, David Karchem, Frank Lopez, Barry Seybert, Thom Slosson, Mary Wiesbrock

Agenda:

I: **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the November 20 & December 18, 2013 meeting were approved by a voice vote with the exception of the misspelling of "Burro Flats"

II: **SSFL Health Studies:** Brian, together with Diana, has volunteered to put together a listing of all of the Health Studies that have been done as a resource for the community. They envision a single page that highlights each study with links to the full text.

If anyone is interested in helping with this, please let Brian know.

Brian requests agenda time next meeting to give an update.

III: **CAG Future Focus & Direction:** Alec tabled this item in the interest of time

IV: **CAG Rules:** Rick Brandlin, Rules Committee Chair, presented 3 rules for adoption:

SSFL CAG Internal Conflict Resolution Rule: Facilitates resolution of conflicts between CAG members when the issue is NOT related to site remediation. Calls for the CAG Chair to form an AD Hoc Committee. When the CAG Chair is a party in the conflict, a mutually acceptable member shall proceed.

Rapid Response Capability: The CAG to establish a set of "talking points" to be used at such time, by any CAG member to refute or rebut misinformation by Responsible Parties (RPs), activists, journalist or other non RPs

Charter Amendment to be added to Section VI, Part D: D2. In the interest of timely response to SSFL site activities, electronic voting shall be permitted for approval of CAG positions on SSFL site activities. Other voting as set forth in this Charter shall remain as "in person" votes.

There was some discussion about the rules, including dissenting opinions about whether a CAG opinion should **stand alone** or include a minority opinion.

A vote was taken and the rules passed on an 11/2 vote.

V. Communications:

Year in Review: Ron Ziman, CAG Vice Chair: Ron capsulized 2013s accomplishments from the establishment of our Charter on July 17th to our response to NASAs DEIS in September, Octobers Communication Committee presentation and the (unprecedented) meeting in December where all RPs presented. We are a diverse group with many specialized skills & credentials.

Although we have come a long way, we have many pressing issues to tackle including establishing our website, which Ron thinks is a top priority.

Much discussion followed about the importance of communication. We discussed ways that we could increase the attendance at our meetings: moving the meetings around to surrounding communities, changing the time and or days of our meetings.

We discussed having a place to post meeting announcements, minutes and CAG letters.

Alec proposed working toward a website such as the one that Santa Susana Mountain Park Association has. We discussed meeting to further this along also NOT meeting until we had communicated preliminary information via email or the web. Suggestion was made to use an “Any Meeting” or “Go to Meeting” type of service that would allow the entire CAG to participate.

Diana has an idea to facilitate our website. She will give us more details at our next meeting.

Internal Needs & Wants: Alec Uzemeck, CAG Chair, reported on a recent West Hills Neighborhood, Environment Committee meeting . The message from this committee is that the CAG can be of the most value to the surrounding communities by explaining the possible outcomes of the clean-up. Also, communicating this information in more laymen’s terms so that the people that we represent have a deeper understanding of the issues.

John Luker brought forth the thought that as a CAG, we are not as able to address substantive issues due to our bickering.

Ron suggested that an email be sent out to all informing the CAG of the new rules that were passed earlier in the meeting. Also to remind members to review Brian Sujata’s final draft letter to the PEIR & let Brian know if you want to sign your name to it. Brian will be sending it out soon. Please look for it and respond as soon as you can. The new comment deadline is February 10th.

External Needs & Wants: Christina Walsh, Communication Chair. Christina stated that she was not prepared to give a report. Christina did urge all CAG communication go through ssflcaginside/yahogroups. This would have all of our information in one repository.

Internet Needs & Wants: Christian Kiillkkaa, Communication Committee Co-Chair;

(The topic of the new CAG website had been introduced & discussed earlier in the meeting therefore Christian did not revisit that part of his report)

Christian reported that all current CAG members were finally registered on the insidecagYahoo group & receiving emails posted there. Therefore messages, polls, calendar entries, document links & attachments posted there will reach all members.

Christian asked the membership about preferences regarding a group email address & possibly individual addresses, at least for the executive board members. This would be for emailing official CAG business to recipients outside the CAG (ie) DTSC, RPs or politicians. This address would need to be monitored regularly & promptly & this responsibility would need to be accepted by a CAG member(s) prior to any CAG email address being used.

Another CAG member mentioned that a potential new CAG website service may come with email address features.

Decisions regarding email addresses will await new website adjunct services information & options, to be presented at the next general meeting.

Additional Information:

Cag members can help in many ways to improve the CAGs visibility such as communicating meeting information to their city council member for publication in their Councilman's Newsletter.

It was suggested that we all read the SSFL Advisory Panel Document.

VI. **Public Comment:** Several community members commented on CAG shortcomings, suggesting ways that we could be more timely and thorough in our communication with the communities that we represent.

We did circulate a sheet to collect email addresses from audience members. These will be added to the community information we gathered from our December meeting. There is a plan for a newsletter.

Next meeting February 19th.

Meeting adjourned: 9:17PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Weiner

SSFL-CAG Secretary

