

SASY KIPP Committee Report August, 2012

Date of meeting: Various during month

Name of Committee: DNR-MKC Pollution ("Kipp") Adhoc Committee

Chair : Gary Karch

Members: John Steines, Steve Klafka, Masami Glines, Lance Green, Angelo Castillo, Matt Miller and immediate neighbors of Madison Kipp Corporation

Purpose (goal) of Committee: Seek a clean and safe living environment as it relates to MKC operations.

- Advocate for immediate and thorough environmental clean up and a healthy neighborhood.
- Monitor activities related to MKC contamination.
- Participate with agencies in meeting discussions.
- Advise SASY Council on questions that might be asked and actions that might be taken.

Action items:

- Realtor/Lender/DNR meeting held July 19, Goodman Center, organized by Rob Grether (affected homeowner and Realtor, Lakepoint Realty). About 6 realtors and 5 lenders attend, DNR staff explain process/letters available to homeowners and lenders for exempting contamination liability and facilitate home sales.
- DNR held information sessions (7/25-26, 3:30-8pm, Goodman Ctr) for the 22 households adjacent to Kipp which have had soil (outdoor) testing performed. Only a few attended. See results on latest DNR update: http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Brownfields/documents/kipp/update_08_06_12.pdf
- Committee contacted several households about possible Neighborhood Advisory Group. 33 of the 34 adjacent landowners have joined class action lawsuit.
- Houses along Corry and Dixon Streets (including Lance's home) are getting sub-slab and indoor PCE tests by DNR contractor BTSquared, should be completed end of August. Helping define "affected area" boundary.

Specific issue(s) to report:

- Some homeowners expressing concerns that this year's city assessments have not been reduced to reflect reduced value of homes with contaminated property.
- Soil test results indicate the presence of several chemicals that pose some level of health risks.

Recommendation(s):

- Continue communications with adjacent homeowners regarding forming possible Neighborhood Advisory Group and/or joining this committee.
- Develop list of requests for future meeting with Kipp, Rep. Chris Taylor, Alder Marsha Rummel, including providing exemption letters to affected homeowners.
- Continue to review soil and PCE test results and contact public health officials on real risks presented.
- Work with DNR to plan open house to explain exemption letter process to affected neighbors.
- Discuss assessment issue with City assessor for this area.

Discussion items at board meeting:

- Review above recommendations

Next meeting: Will be planned soon by Committee