

From: [Giselle Herzfeld](#)
To: [David Abelson](#)
Subject: Re: Request to Make Public Comment at Stewardship Council 10/26
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 9:06:57 AM

Hi David,

Thank you for letting me speak today. Here is the statement that I gave at the meeting:

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As a first-time participant in the Rocky Flats Stewardship Council public comment process, I am grateful for the opportunity to speak today. The topic of how to properly manage the Rocky Flats area is incredibly important in light of the health dangers that the public faces from exposure to radioactive contamination. Because Rocky Flats Stewardship is such an important topic to public health and safety, it is crucial that the public is involved and informed as much as possible in the decision-making process of this Council. As a first-time participant in these meetings, I have some observations and suggestions I would like to share regarding transparency and accessibility in the public comment process.

The first three items I would like to discuss are issues of timing. First, notice for this meeting was sent out Friday October 23rd, with a sign-up deadline of Thursday October 29th, giving the public less than one week to sign up for a public comment. I would suggest sending notice 3 weeks in advance of the meeting, with a follow-up reminder one week prior to the meeting, to give people a larger window of time to plan and sign up for public comment. Secondly, each participant is only given two minutes to speak, and only at the very beginning of the meeting. For a meeting that lasts three hours, on a topic that is so important to public health, it is essential that the public has a greater window of time to speak, say for five minutes instead of two, and at multiple points throughout the meeting. Thirdly, the meeting is scheduled between regular business hours on Monday mornings - this is a time that is particularly inaccessible to many people who might otherwise participate. I am sure many would appreciate the Council holding meetings during more accessible hours. Lastly, I believe transparency is essential for a meeting topic that is so relevant to public health and safety. Recording, live-streaming, and posting meetings to your website would help to ensure that the public is kept informed and engaged. I understand that the COVID 19 crisis has made many things difficult to navigate, but it is crucial that these meetings are made as publicly accessible as possible given the circumstances. Thank you for your time.

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I sincerely believe that the meetings should be more inclusive and accessible to public participation, since the Stewardship Council deals with such important topics to public safety. I was disappointed that not everyone was given the chance to speak at the beginning, especially considering the technical difficulties that arise due to holding meetings online. I hope that future meetings can be more accessible and welcoming to people who want to speak.

All the best,
Giselle

On Thu, Oct 22, 2020 at 1:59 PM David Abelson <dabelson@rockyflatssc.org> wrote:

Thanks Giselle.

David

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Hi David,

Thank you for sending me this information - I look forward to attending the meeting.

I will be joining by video, and will be sure to sign in with my name.

All the best,

Giselle

On Thu, Oct 22, 2020 at 1:23 PM David Abelson <dabelson@rockyflatssc.org> wrote:

Hello Giselle,

Thanks for the email. I have you on the list. Will you be joining by phone or video? If phone, please let me know your number so that I can make sure you are unmuted. If you are on video, please use your name to sign in so that I will be able to identify you.

Here is the Webex information:

Join via Webex website or app

Meeting Number (access code): 126 091 3538

Meeting Password: yBEj5JS3Qy2

Join by Phone

Call: 1-408-418-9388

Meeting Number (access code): 126 091 3538

Password: 923 55 573

As a reminder, comments are limited to two minutes.

Please let me know what questions you have.

Thanks,

David

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Hi David and all at the Rocky Flats Stewardship Council,

I am reaching out to request access to the Council meeting on the 26th, and also to request time to make a public comment.

Thank you!

All the best,

Giselle Herzfeld