

Rocky Flats Coalition of Local Governments  
Board Meeting  
Thursday, April 15, 1999  
8:00 a.m.  
Boulder Chamber of Commerce  
MINUTES

**DRAFT #1**

In Attendance: David Abelson, Tom Brunner, Will Neff, Hank Stovall, Nanette Neelan, Lisa Morzel, Mike Weil, Paul Danish, Sam Dixon, Lorraine Anderson, Carol Lyons

Also present: John Corsi, Jeremy Kerpatkin, Peter Jacobson, DeAnne Butterfield, Katherine Archuleta, Barbara Tenney, Jack Hoopes, Angela Hutton-Howard, Steve Tarlton, Fred Gerdeman, Tom Marshall, Lisa Rittel, and Nick Helburn

Facilitated by Tom Brunner

**Public Comment**

- Ira Chernus, a citizen from Boulder, expressed concern about the lack of public awareness regarding RFCLOG.

**Round Robin Updates**

- David Abelson was introduced as Executive Director of RFCLOG.
- Nanette Neelan said DOR will keep I-25 as a hazardous waste route.
- Lisa Morzel announced a study session on Rocky Flats on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Boulder City Council Chambers.
- Hank Stovall expressed the need for a policy regarding what Rocky Flats will turn into (i.e. stewardship policy) and commented that legislation may be required for a multijurisdictional control agency.
- Lorraine Anderson passed out a map of the NW Parkway (Arvada) that showed ample greenspace/openspace in the Highway 93 corridor and announced preliminary negotiations with the Denver Water Board for the property.

**Business Items**

- 1) Motion to Approve Minutes of March 18 meeting : APPROVED unanimously
- 2) Motion to Approve Contract with David Abelson
  - Lorraine Anderson expressed concern about the open-endedness of the contract. Paul Danish then suggested Lorraine describe the problem at the next meeting with the possibility of adding an amendment at that time.
  - Lisa Morzel motioned to have the contract approved as presented, Paul Danish seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Motion to Approve Contract with DeAnne Butterfield and Katherine Archuleta
  - Lorraine Anderson was concerned about facilitation by the Executive Director

and about having to hire a separate facilitator instead of one person who does it all. She stated that perhaps RFCLOG should start requesting applications for a facilitator position.

- Barbara Tenney explained the contract with DeAnne Butterfield and Katherine Archuleta is a contract for services as requested, i.e. a contractual right to hire facilitation.
  - Lorraine Anderson suggested a friendly amendment to raise the general Liability insurance (Covenant #5) from 1 to 2 million dollars, and then Barbara Tenney recommended keeping it as is; Lisa Morzel does not accept the friendly amendment.
  - Lorraine Anderson pointed out a problem with the language in Covenant #7 of the contract. Barbara Tenney agreed that the language was a bit confusing and perhaps should be taken out. Paul Danish and Lisa Morzel suggested approving the contract as is and amending it (if necessary) the next meeting.
  - ?? a motion to approve the friendly amendment; one opposed.
- 4) Motion to Accept RFLII Assets and Liabilities
- DeAnne Butterfield estimated RFLII outstanding obligations to be \$250.
  - Motion passed without opposition.
- 5) Motion to Accept 1998 RFLII Audit
- Linda Cassaday explained the basic audit process and reported that RFLII had a clean report
  - Lorraine Anderson motioned to accept the audit as presented and Paul Danish seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 6) Motion to Adopt Interim Procurement Procedures
- Lorraine Anderson motioned to approve on an interim basis and then come up with new procedures in the future. The motion passed without opposition.
- 7) Motion to Sign Grant of Funds
- Sam Dixon motioned to approve and Lorraine Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.
- 8) Motion to Allow David Abelson to Sign Checks
- Lorraine Anderson suggested two signatures on payroll checks. Paul Danish inquired when the termination date for David Abelson's check writing responsibilities will be set. After a brief discussion about making an exception on the \$2500 check limit for the monthly lease payment, Paul Danish motioned to approve and Sam Dixon seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.
- 9) Motion to Continue Contractual Relationship with Attorneys
- Paul Danish motioned to approve and Sam Dixon seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

### **Discussion of Coalition Roll-out Event and Legislative Luncheon**

David Abelson introduced Lori Fox, who is helping David plan and execute both the April 21<sup>st</sup> Legislative Luncheon and the "Rollout" event. David requested guidance from the Board regarding who will speak and what will be the key topics of the event. Lorraine Anderson requested all Board members have an opportunity to speak at the lunch.

As per David Abelson's suggestion, the Board agreed to hold the "Rollout" after the May 6<sup>th</sup> Board meeting at the Jefferson County Courthouse. Lorraine Anderson suggested meeting with the editorial boards prior to the "Rollout" event in order to attract more reporters. Sam Dixon stated that in the near future RFCLOG needs to establish an executive committee to deal with the editorial boards. Hank Stovall agreed that firm policy statements are necessary before going to the editorial boards. David Abelson summarized the essence of the "Rollout" event as the identification of the key RFCLOG issues, the focus on intergovernmental cooperation, and the call for public input.

Regarding a policy statement for the "Rollout" event, it was agreed that the more controversial issues such as TRU/Low Level Waste should be avoided at this time. Nanette Neelan suggested the seven local governments working together on the Rocky Flats cleanup issues was a newsworthy topic. Paul Danish agreed that picking one issue would be premature and he stressed the importance of getting public input before making policy decisions. Carol Lyons suggested looking at the RFCLOG workplan and presenting a general overview of the organization.

### **Discussion of Bylaws Issues**

There was a brief discussion about the preliminary draft of the bylaws that David Abelson and Barbara Tenney are working on for the May 6<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. The first issue discussed was inclusiveness/public involvement. David Abelson expressed his intention that the Coalition work with the public and establish committees, workshops, etc. as needed. Other issues mentioned were ex-officios, action without a meeting, consent agenda, and meeting notification. Lorraine Anderson was concerned about violating the Open Meeting Laws if a fax or phone vote was ever taken by the Board.

### **Rubble Disposition Presentation by Parallax**

Dr. Gary Baker gave a short presentation on the rubble disposition plan for Rocky Flats, which would use rubble as backfill for demolished nuclear facilities. He stated that the success of this process has been demonstrated at several sites in the U.S. Nanette Neelan inquired if this is a true solution or just the new "best" process.

### **Big Picture Schedule**

There was a test for Coalition stewardship interest and all members said yes. The upcoming RFCLOG events and issues were reviewed.

### **Public Comment**

Nick, a citizen, warned the Coalition not to be passive to public comment and involvement. He said the Coalition must be willing to explore other options besides what Kaiser-Hill and others may suggest. Tom Marshall expressed dismay that there was no policy information for the public and he asked the Coalition to explore ways to get substantial public input.