

East Helena Lead Education and Abatement Program
Minutes
Program Advisory Committee
October 16, 2013
City Council Chambers
East Helena, MT 59635

Present:

Betsy Burns, EPA
Kathy Moore, Lewis and Clark County
Daryl Reed, MTDEQ
Debb Tillo, LEAP
Timmon Hayes, Jefferson County Sanitarian

Kathy called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. There were no public comments. The approval of the minutes was overlooked and we moved on to the program reports. We will review the minutes for September 25th and Oct. 16th at the next advisory meeting on Nov. 13, 2013.

Reports:

Kathy said the contract with Terragraphics is up at the end of this year and she wants to look over the ICP and see what deliverables still need to be addressed. She also discussed attending the East Helena City Council meetings monthly or more frequently if an agenda item pertains to the LEAP. The county has also been working on adding an IC's (Institutional Controls) layer to the current Lewis and Clark County GIS system to let the public know the status of properties in the East Helena Superfund Site. The status of properties are categorized as:

- Cleaned-up
- Qualifies but not yet cleaned up
- Does not qualify for clean up

LEAP is "test driving" the additional IC layer with a select group of realtors. When LEAP feels the IC layer has been properly tried and tested they will consider opening the layer to the public.

Betsy would like to meet with LEAP, Timmon and Megan to discuss how the IC's are working in Lewis and Clark County and how to help them transition an IC's program in Jefferson County.

Daryl said the EHECTIC meeting held September 19th was very informative and that the TRUST did a very nice job of presenting the 60% design for the by-pass. He is also looking forward to seeing the RD/RA workplan.

Brian talked with Bill Wenk from Wenk Landscape Architecture and Planning in Denver. Bill had completed a project called 'The Blue River Walkway and Stream Restoration Project' in Breckenridge Colorado some years ago, and Brian asked if he would provide some input and expertise on a possible Prickly Pear Creek Restoration Project. Bill was intrigued by the challenges and opportunities that East Helena may be seeing in the future and offered to stop by the area while on vacation. Brian and several interested parties met with Bill on Oct. 17th at JFK Park in East Helena and took a look at the channelization of the stream to the south, and the many opportunities that might be available to the north.

Ron thanked Brian for his efforts in arranging Bill Wenk's visit to the area. He would like to see more development happen in the Prickly Pear Corridor. Brian would like to see a work group put together to see what funding sources and opportunities may be available. It was also suggested that the entire Prickly Pear Corridor (from the headwaters to Lake Helena) be included. Ron would like to be part of that group involved in making it happen.

Timmon said she hadn't received the sampling from the property at 308 Hwy 518. The new owner wanted to know if LEAP could reimburse him for the 10 acres he had sampled. We could help out with the sampling done around the footprint of the house but not the additional adjacent acres. Timmon also said she had been notified that they had an elevated blood lead level in Jefferson County and was wondering if we could do an Environmental Assessment. Yes, we could and she would get back to us with further information.

The next 2 meetings are scheduled for October 16, and November 13, 2013. The meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.