

East Helena Lead Education and Abatement Program  
Minutes  
Program Advisory Committee  
March 4, 2014  
City Council Chambers  
East Helena, MT 59635

**Present:**

Betsy Burns, EPA  
Daryl Reed, MTDEQ  
Debb Tillo, LEAP  
Jan Williams, LEAP  
Timmon Hayes, Jefferson County Sanitarian  
Greg Hayes, PWT  
Judy Leland, East Helena City Council Representative

Jan called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. There were no public comments. The minutes for January 22, 2014 were approved as read.

**Reports:**

Judy Leland, from the East Helena City Council, was introduced by Debb as a new member of the LEAP advisory group and we look forward to working with her in the future.

Betsy said she talking with Mayor James Schell and will be giving the East Helena City Council updates once a month from now on unless something comes up that needs to be addressed sooner. She stated that a town hall meeting hosted by the Custodial Trust and EPA will be held Thursday 3/30/14 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Custodial Trust office. The meeting will be an opportunity for dialogue & participation from citizens and other stakeholders concerning the cleanup and redevelopment of the plant site and Prickly Pear Creek (PPC). She is also working on the comments submitted for the 2014 Draft Interim Measures Workplan (IMWP) and hopes to have them done soon.

Betsy stated that Montana Rail Link (MRL) is doing some work in the right of way which it leases from Burlington Northern. MRL wants to protect the railroad, as well as PPC, and is working on grade and velocity change issues at the northeast corner of the plant site where the PPC makes a sharp turn east.

Betsy also said the property conveyances to East Helena and Lewis and Clark County (L&C) have been submitted and the transfers were recorded with L&C County on Feb. 25, 2014.

Greg said he has completed the Community Involvement Plan and it has been submitted to EPA. He is still working on the Pollution Report but it will be completed soon.

Daryl said he is looking forward to receiving those documents from Betsy and Greg. He also participated in a meeting with Betsy, Greg, Steve, Debb and Jan to discuss soils database issues that had come up. Greg has done an excellent job cleaning up the soils data base and reconciling errors that were found.

The LEAP is waiting for the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to come out for the Lead Hazard Reduction Grant they and three other counties (Deer Lodge, Powell, and Jefferson) will be jointly applying for. It's there hope, the grant will provide the funding to abate lead hazards in homes/apartments of low income residents.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.