

ORR COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN FOCUS GROUP INTRODUCTORY MEETING NOTES

August 29, 2001

As part of DOE-ORO's efforts to increase public involvement in the land use planning process for the Oak Ridge Reservation, an introductory meeting of the Focus Group was held at the DOE facilities at 55 Jefferson at 11:00 a.m., August 29, 2001. This meeting was held immediately after a public announcement held at ETTP involving Congressman Zack Wamp and several local elected officials, including the mayor of Oak Ridge, Leah Dever, Pat Parr, Focus Group members, press representatives, and the general public.

Attendees

Most members of the Focus Group were in attendance. They included: Steve Alexander, Paul Boyer, Steve Buxton, Pete Craven, Ray Evans, Tony Grande, Beth Phillips (Grande alternate), Steve Griffith (who is replacing Dan Ferry as the TVA representative), Parker Hardy, Dev Joslin, Robert Kennedy, Ralph Lillard, Marty Marina, David Mosby, Bill Pardue, Joe Valentino, Marshall Whisnant, Lawrence Young, Leah Dever and Steve Wyatt (DOE-ORO), Pat Parr (UT-Battelle), Barry Lawson (Barry Lawson Associates), and Wayne Tolbert and Mike Deacon (SAIC).

Introductions

Leah Deaver had the Focus Group members introduce themselves followed by introductions of the Facilitation Group with explanations of their respective roles in the planning process. Copies of names and affiliations of this group were distributed. There was some general "housekeeping" of the list—corrections of name spellings, affiliations, phone numbers and the like.

Objectives

Leah outlined the objectives of the Land Use Planning Process (which we stated in the meeting agenda) and these were discussed. She specifically noted that DOE owned the property and its missions come first but indicated that DOE wanted public input into the planning process for land that DOE owned but had little expectation of using. She noted that DOE-ORO had to look at the future and project their land use needs—the plans "on the table" today, are not complete.

From the discussion that ensued, several action items were identified. First, Pat Parr will get copies of the *Comprehensive Integrated Planning Process for the Oak Ridge Operations Sites* and the *ORNL Land and Facilities Plan* reproduced and mailed to each Focus Group member as soon as possible. Pat will need mailing addresses from each Focus Group member, which they agreed to email or otherwise send her. For copies of the Common Ground work, people were urged to try the Information Resource Center. The Focus Group agreed to review the plans they will be sent.

Leah's Charge to the Focus Group

These items were also outlined in the meeting agenda and were discussed. Barry Lawson, who was introduced as the professional facilitator who will help facilitate Focus Group and public meetings, then discussed his role and helped the group set meeting dates. The next meeting will be Friday, September 28 (10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) at the Oak Ridge Public Works facility. A publicly accessible facility was felt to be highly desirable—people should not have to badge in. Following that meeting the Group will meet every second Friday of the month. They indicated that it was OK for someone to

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attend in their place as long as only one person would serve as a backup and that person would be well briefed by the Focus Group member for whom he/she was acting as a substitute. Otherwise it was felt that too much time would be spent in getting substitutes up to speed and the group "chemistry" would not work. Phone tie-ins were not considered a good idea. The Focus Group urged that at the next meeting DOE address the status and formulation (assumptions, data, etc) used in the existing land use plans—which Pat Parr agreed to do or have done. How DOE is going to address impacts was also mentioned as a possible topic of discussion.