

## **ORR COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLANNING FOCUS GROUP MEETING NOTES**

**September 13, 2002**

The final working meeting of the Focus Group was held in the Oak Ridge Heritage and Preservation Association's Midtown Community Center on Robertsville Road at 10:00 am until 2:00 pm September 13, 2002.

### **Attendees**

The following members of the Focus Group were in attendance: Scott Davis, Steve Alexander, Paul Boyer, Lorene Sigal, Dev Joslin, Ralph Lillard, Bill Pardue, Pete Craven, Lloyd Stokes, Marshall Whisnant, Eric Rauch, Marty Marina, Robert Kennedy, Joe Valentino, Lawrence Young, Dave Mosby and Dave McKinney. Beth Phillips, Ray Evans, and Parker Hardy could not attend.

Members of the Facilitation Team in attendance were Barry Lawson, Pat Parr, Marianne Heiskell, and Mike Deacon. Also in attendance were two representatives from DOE, Cissy Perkins and David Allen. A representative from Congressman Wamp's office and five members of the public were also at the meeting.

### **Welcome/Introductions/Agenda**

The proposed meeting agenda was briefly discussed, agreed upon, and followed. August meeting notes were approved.

### **Announcements**

Two reports, the Focus Group Report and the Technical Report, will be put on the web site and made available at the DOE Information Center. Copies will be mailed to the Focus Group.

Pat Parr and Marianne Heiskell have given presentations about the Land Use Planning Process to Clinton Rotary Club and ORNL's DOE site staff. They plan to give similar presentations to DOE Headquarters and to EPA Region IV.

An announcement was made that the Oak Ridge Art Center is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with an Open Show of work from 121 artists on September 14 from 7 to 9pm.

### **Public Comments**

There were none.

### **Draft Technical Report**

Mike Deacon presented a summary of the Final Technical Report as given at the Land Use Public Meeting on September 9. The presentation included a list of analysis topics, a comment summary appendix, and a list of changes made since the initial draft. Among these changes were an expanded biodiversity appendix; new maps to show proposed State Natural Areas; increased socioeconomic models for valuing ecological and natural resources; reevaluation of water resources (based on the group's concerns for water quality); added recreation areas; and a recognized value of the public input in helping to clarify and validate the four scenarios.

## ORR LUPP Focus Group Meeting Notes - 9/13/2002

This report is now final and will be provided to DOE, other government agencies, this Focus Group, and the general public.

### **Public Meeting**

Barry Lawson reported that the September 9 Public Meeting drew an attendance of more than 50 people. The evening featured an informal poster session, a summary of the major conclusions of the Technical Report, and a summary of the Focus Group Report. Question and answer sessions and informal, open dialogues followed the summaries. Attendees were asked to give an evaluation of the land use planning process.

### **Focus Group Report**

The Focus Group and Facilitators reviewed the Focus Group Report. Minor changes were made to two pages of the document. The executive summary required the deletion of bold type and the restructuring of indented phrases. It also needed a short clause added to one sentence to indicate that the group was not unanimous in its resolutions. A word change later in the report was required to more positive wording.

With these changes in place, all the present members of the Focus Group signed an acceptance of the Final Report. The two missing signatures (Parker Hardy and Ray Evans) will be sought out next week. Beth Phillips signed the document before the meeting.

### **Public Comment**

Two members of the public spoke. One commended the Land Use Planning effort and reminded DOE to keep a long-term vision. Another person said that the work of the Focus Group was praiseworthy and made an important statement to the community that the process was utilized.

### **Conclusion**

The Focus Group and Facilitation Team concluded the meeting with an evaluation of the process by the Focus Group. Pat Parr and Marianne Heiskell thanked the group for its time and dedication to the process. Several Focus Group members congratulated and thanked Pat, Marianne, Wayne, Mike, and Barry for their roles. Linda Ponce thanked the group on the behalf of Congressman Zach Wamp.