

Community Transition Advisory Committee (CTAC)
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 14, 2013

CTAC meeting was held on 11/14/13 at the Madison-Jefferson County Extension Office in Whitehall.

Attendees were Tom Harrington, Roy McBride, Leonard Wortman, Sam Graham, Tim Mulligan, Dan Happel, Jerry Keogh, Mark Thompson, Tara Mastel, Ann Geiger and Lisa Graham.

Guests: Ken Eurick, a GSM contractor, and Greg Corr from the *Whitehall Ledger* attended.

1. Tom H. called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. followed by welcome and introduction of Ken Eurick. October minutes were approved.

2. **GSM Operations (GSM):** Sam Graham presented.

- a. **Safety Report:** GSM has gone 273 days without accidents or any reportable injuries and is focusing on position of employees in work operations. The safety incident rate is .42 and GSM is approaching being the only Barrick mine below 1 for two years.
- b. **Current Operations Update** – Monthly production was at 5958 ounces with a target of 10K ounces due to lower ore grades in the Mineral Hill. The year to date production is 12% below target projections and the production model is being reviewed. The pit production is 5% below target and mill operation is 3% below projections. Road work is being accomplished on the south wall of Mineral Hill.
- c. **Employment Status** –200 employees and 67 contractors. Force reduction of 13 positions is being worked and voluntary reductions should preclude any forced reduction. Six positions have been posted and will convert from temporary positions to full time status which will result in a net force reduction seven positions.
- d. **Third Party Ore Processing** – Received 14417 tons of outside ore. Mammoth has suspended hauling for the winter due to weather conditions and material grade.
- e. **Exploration** – Drill data is being analyzed and results from the Midas area Phase I are waiting on assay results.
- f. **Concentrator Project** – Project on hold.

3. **GSM Environmental Update:** Mark T. presented.

- a. **NASA Permitting Update** – Presented the current status of the draft EIS and indicated 550 (+) positive comments and 4 negative comments were submitted. DEQ is reviewing the comments and a Record of Decision (ROD) is expected in late December. He mentioned Governor Bullock’s letter of support, Legislative letter and Commissioner Happel’s letter were well received by the Regional Barrick Corporation leadership.
- b. **Reclamation** – No reportable incidents this past month. Southwest area has been seeded.

4. **Sunlight Business Park (SBP) Overview:** Tom H. presented.

- a. **Prospective Tenants** – Discussed upcoming visit from LGT wind energy company and a meeting will be held on Monday to discuss possible wind farm, manufacturing and data center energy support operations.
- b. **Warehouse Buildings** – Working with contractor and engineer to design build the facility. Site layout is complete and project cost estimate should be available two weeks.
- d. **Science, Technology and Innovation Committee (STI)** – Work on the data center is progressing and contacts are being made with internet providers. Fiber expansion was discussed and the possibility of doing a test in Whitehall to provide fiber to the home.
- e. **Wind development** – Purchase agreement case is still pending.

5. Boulder Valley/Jefferson River Water Study – Boulder study is being finalized and draft report expected in the spring. Jefferson River study is just starting and land owners are being contacted.

6. Pipestone Creek/ Jefferson Slough – Leonard W. provided an overview of the projects and the scope and intent to lower sedimentation, reduce flooding, conserve water resources and aquatic weed reduction. He indicated Confluence is the contractor working the project. A LIDAR flight is being scheduled to fly the study area. The Waterloo head gate construction is progressing and is an integral part of the sedimentation control.

7. Borden Project – Tara M. provide a project update and indicated the bank loan has been signed and the project is moving forward. The public relations event was a success and well attended and Roy M. discussed the partnership created by the project. The EPA assessment report is still pending and should be available any day. Construction costs for mechanical and electrical portions are being finalized and bids will close in December and construction should start in January/February.

8. Whitehall Chamber – Lisa G. provided an update on business activities and talked about the Christmas Stroll in December.

9. Other Items of Discussion/Next Meeting Date/Time/Adjourn –

- a. Dan H. addressed the sage grouse EIS being conducted and the importance of being aware of implications of listing them as endangered species and future development. Considerable discussion followed and Leonard W. echoed his concerns and the Jefferson County position.
- b. The next meeting was set for December 12th at 8 a.m. in the Madison-Jefferson County Extension Office conference room. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Harrington