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From: Harrison, Jennifer [Harrison.Jennifer@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/2/2020 6:20:08 PM
To: Chergo, Jennifer [Chergo.Jennifer@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: inquiry at Colorado Smelter

Thanks and you too!

From: Chergo, Jennifer <Chergo.Jennifer@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 2, 2020 12:14 PM
To: Harrison, Jennifer <Harrison.Jennifer@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: inquiry at Colorado Smelter

Fine by me.
Have a great holiday!

From: Harrison, Jennifer <Harrison.Jennifer@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 2, 2020 10:14 AM
To: Chergo, Jennifer <Chergo.Jennifer@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: inquiry at Colorado Smelter

Hi there, are you working today? Sorry this week has been a bit crazy but here is a simple draft response to Joan Seeman. Can you please let me know if this looks ok before I send it?

CC: Jennifer Chergo, Jesse Aviles, Wharton, Wardell
Hi Joan,
Thanks for your email. It looks like you have some questions about EPA's Superfund Redevelopment Initiative and how this might fit into VB/I-70. I'm copying this response to EPA's VB/I-70 team as I'm sure they can help answer questions you might have. I'm also including EPA's web site about this initiative: https://www.epa.gov/superfund-redevelopment-initiative. Hope this helps.

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From: Joan Seeman <joanseem@msn.com>
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To: Archer, Beth <archer.elizabeth@epa.gov>
Cc: Harrison, Jennifer <Harrison.Jennifer@epa.gov>; jeannine.natterman@state.co.us
Subject: Re: Colorado Smelter General Update

Vasquez Blvd National Superfund CAG Concerns?

Did the EPA National Vasquez Blvd Superfund site have this type of support for a revitalization Plan in OU1? EPA has ignored the Vasquez Blvd National Superfund site "Citizens Advisory Committee".
They have submitted many Resolutions to EPA which have been ignored and have now refused to provide quarterly meeting zoom meeting updates? They will only respond in writing?

EPA refuses to acknowledge issues regarding air pollution during the I-70 expansion yet provide support for the issues near I-25? "Increase sense of place in areas effected by I-25" I-25 Sense of Place?

EPA will not compare the actions at similar Superfund sites where EPA zoom meetings are provided for other CAGS?

Pueblo Colorado Smelter Superfund Revitalization Plan?
"EPA sponsored the Colorado Smelter Revitalization Project (CSRP), a collaboration of local, state and federal agencies to support revitalization of the area"

"Increase sense of place in areas effected by I-25" I-25 Sense of Place?

Work with "Evraz Rocky Mountain Steel" Who owns this company?

"The Colorado Smelter Revitalization Project
In 2014, the EPA designated the Colorado Smelter Superfund site due to high levels of arsenic and lead at the former Smelter Facility and slag pile (Operable Unit 2), and in soils throughout much of the surrounding community properties (Operable Unit 1). While residential soil cleanup has been progressing, EPA sponsored the Colorado Smelter Revitalization Project (CSRP), a collaboration of local, state and federal agencies to support revitalization of the area. The CSRP, with support from EPA's Superfund Redevelopment Initiative, sponsored a community planning process resulting in a collaborative vision to guide future investment and revitalization. CSRP goals include:
• Support neighborhood revitalization around the Colorado Smelter area.
• Coordinate and leverage investments among local, state and federal agencies.
• Build on earlier planning efforts including outcomes from the 2016 Superfund Community Visioning Workshop and the 2017 Building Blocks Workshop for Equitable Development.
• Inform EPA cleanup, the City's neighborhood plan update and the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment (PDPHE) health disparities grant for an improved built environment, and future neighborhood planning.
Revitalization Themes
On October 30, 2018, the CSRP hosted a community visioning workshop to identify revitalization strategies around the following three themes:
1. Connectivity and Cultural Heritage
2. Thriving Neighborhoods
3. Vibrant Commercial
This report summarizes the outcomes of the visioning session including revitalization goals, strategies, implementation examples and resources.
Funded by EPA Region 8 and the Superfund Redevelopment Initiative
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Grove

Bessemer
Bojon Town
Evraz Rocky Mountain Steel
The CSRP study area encompasses and extends beyond areas supported by the Superfund cleanup including the Bessemer, Grove and Eilers neighborhoods.
The Colorado Smelter Revitalization Project (CSRP) includes the following participating entities:
• City of Pueblo
• Pueblo County
• Pueblo Dept. of Public
Health and Environment
• The Bessemer, Eilers/Bojon Town, Grove
Improvement Network (BEGIN)
• NeighborWorks of Southern Colorado
• Colorado Smelter Community Advisory Group
• CO Dept. of Public Health and Environment
• CO Dept. of Transportation
• U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
• U.S. Economic Development Administration
• U.S. Dept. of Transportation
• U.S. Housing and Urban Development
• Evraz Rocky Mountain Steel"

https://www.pueblo.us/DocumentCenter/View/26675/CSRP-2020-May-Internet

"CURRENT CONDITIONS
Many homes in the neighborhood were built before 1918 and may lack the size and comforts of contemporary housing. There is a higher percentage of rental housing than other parts of the city. Current zoning designates some of the area as non-conforming due to small lots. In some cases, property owners must apply for a variance to build new or an addition due to current zoning constraints. The city is currently working on zoning improvements to address these obstacles. Additional barriers to home improvement and maintenance include low land value and costly upgrades needed to comply with current building codes. The community would like to remove barriers to redevelopment, reduce litter and crime and increase local services including a grocery store.
GOALS
• Provide residents with home buying assistance.
• Increase affordable and accessible housing options.
• Amend zoning code further increase small lot infill development.
• Increase and diversify recreation and service amenities.
• Beatification through streetscape improvements to residential and commercial corridors
• Increase sense of place in areas effected by I-25
• Repairs and maintenance to existing asphalt streets and concrete sidewalks"

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 26, 2020, at 9:36 AM, Archer, Beth <archer.elizabeth@epa.gov> wrote:

> Good morning,
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> We are updating our email list for the Colorado Smelter Superfund Site (Site) in Pueblo. You are receiving this email because you have contacted the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or the EPA's contractor's regarding the Site. We plan to send out general updates about the Site two to four times each year. If you would do not wish to receive these updates, please click unsubscribe.

The Colorado Smelter Community Advisory Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month. If you would like to receive agendas, detailed presentations, notes and information on attending these meetings, please click here. You may request to be removed from this email list at any time.

For your information, there is currently a Colorado Smelter Revitalization Plan (CSRP) open for public comments through the City of Pueblo. The comment period is open until July 22. You can read the plan and provide public comments through the City of Pueblo's CSRP website.

Thank you,

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