Message

From: Bruce Merchant [bemerchant@gmail.com]
Sent: 1/29/2015 6:02:20 PM
To: Berkoff, Michael [berkoff.michael@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Allied Landfill - logistics for City Public meeting/media availability session/groundwater review
Attachments: DRC-2014-12-08_burdick_and_cork_viewNE.jpg

Michael -

I am going to attempt to send these. They are rather large .jpeg files and my internet connection isn't very good. Please let me know if you receive them. I may send each one separately.

Bruce

On 1/29/2015 12:20 PM, Berkoff, Michael wrote:

> Sounds good. Also, could you guys send me the redevelopment configuration figures that you developed? I'd like to use them as starting points for Skeo.
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> **From:** Bruce Merchant [mailto:bemerchant@gmail.com]
> **Sent:** Thursday, January 29, 2015 11:03 AM
> **To:** Berkoff, Michael
> **Cc:** Kisscorni, Jerome; Hatton, Marc; Bucholtz, Paul (DEQ); Chamberlain, Jeff; Russell, Diane; Michael C. Wetzel
> **Subject:** Re: Allied Landfill - logistics for City Public meeting/media availability session/groundwater review
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> Michael - I don't believe we set a time yet for the 5th. As I recall, 9:30 am EST is about the earliest we have started. I can make it sooner than that but Marc may not be able to. Let's shoot for 9:30 am for now. As I also recall, we're meeting at St. Joe City Hall but in a different room than usual. Paul has more information on that.
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> Bruce
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> Sent from my iPad
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> On Jan 29, 2015, at 4:56 AM, Berkoff, Michael <berkoff.michael@epa.gov> wrote:
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>> Jerome,
>> Great. We have a meeting in St. Joe's planned for the 5th, and we should probably meet at least one more time between then and the public meeting. My schedule is open between the 5th and the 26th. I added Diane Russell to the email. She will be coming to the meeting on the 5th. Do we have a start time for that one?
>> Thanks,
>> Michael
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>> **From:** Kisscorni, Jerome [mailto:kisscornij@kalamazoocity.org]
>> **Sent:** Wednesday, January 28, 2015 7:48 AM
>> **To:** 'Bruce Merchant'; Berkoff, Michael
>> **Cc:** Hatton, Marc; Bucholtz, Paul (DEQ); Chamberlain, Jeff

Subject: RE: Allied Landfill - logistics for City Public meeting/media availability session/groundwater review

Folks:
I'm good with going with a public meeting and media availability session on February 26th. We'll need to huddle up early next week to work on the logistics. We need to move the process along.

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Sent: Monday, January 26, 2015 6:21 PM
To: Berkoff, Michael
Cc: Hatton, Marc; Bucholtz, Paul (DEQ); Chamberlain, Jeff; Kisscorni, Jerome
Subject: Re: Allied Landfill - logistics for City Public meeting/media availability session/groundwater review

Michael - Marc is out of the office until Wednesday or Thursday, I'm afraid.

Bruce

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On Jan 26, 2015, at 12:50 PM, "Berkoff, Michael" <berkoff.michael@epa.gov> wrote:

> Marc,
> Do you have answers to these yet? I need to be certain of the media session and the public meeting asap, as I am reserving time on other people's schedules. Also, your thoughts on when EPA should be presenting gw data results to stakeholders?
> Thanks,
> Michael
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> **From:** Bruce Merchant [mailto:bemerchant@gmail.com]
> **Sent:** Monday, January 26, 2015 11:05 AM
> **To:** Berkoff, Michael
> **Cc:** Hatton, Marc; Bucholtz, Paul (DEQ); chamberlainj@kalamazoocity.org; Jerome Kisscorni
> **Subject:** Re: Allied Landfill - logistics for City Public meeting/media availability session/groundwater review
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> Good Morning, Michael -

February 26 works for me but we need to verify with Jeff Chamberlain and Jerome Kisscorni at the City. I don't believe the specific venue has been set yet but your timing as it relates to the media session as well as the groundwater sessions looks appropriate to me.

I was not involved with the discussions about groundwater with the various stakeholders. However, I think a follow up session (with Jeff Keiser, Mike Wetzel, et.al., in attendance) would be well received.

I'll work on firming up details on locations and times when I return on Monday, Feb. 2.

Bruce

Sent from my iPad

On Jan 26, 2015, at 5:08 AM, "Berkoff, Michael" <berkoff.michael@epa.gov> wrote:

> Guys,
> Rick will be available for February 26th. Can we lock that date in? I am assuming that the two certain pieces to this are the media availability session in the afternoon and then the public meeting in the evening. Is that everyone's understanding?
> That leaves a groundwater session with stakeholders. Would it be okay to have it the morning after the meeting, or do you guys think that it needs to be before the meeting? Morning of the 26th or even days before that? Also, how did your meeting/discussion of groundwater data go with stakeholders?
> Thanks,
> Michael
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> **From:** Bruce Merchant [mailto:bemerchant@gmail.com]
> **Sent:** Friday, January 16, 2015 9:55 AM
> **To:** Berkoff, Michael
> **Cc:** Hatton, Marc; Bucholtz, Paul (DEQ)
> **Subject:** Re: City Timeline/Outstanding Issues/Next Meeting
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> Good Morning to all!
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> I tend to agree with Michael regarding a media availability session. I will defer to Jeff Chamberlain and Jerome Kisscorni, however.

I think approaching the media at this stage would be very helpful. All the major information is already public. There are no "smoking guns" for us to be concerned about plus it is a great way to show that we are all cooperating on a viable solution.

While I don't mind spending time with the media, it can get a bit tedious repeating information. A media availability session also helps ensure that a consistent message is being delivered.

Marc - if you could check with Jerome and Jeff about this, I'd appreciate it.

Paul - I'm fine with the smaller room at St. Joe City Hall.

Mahalo!

Bruce

Sent from my iPad

On Jan 15, 2015, at 11:40 AM, "Berkoff, Michael" <berkoff.michael@epa.gov> wrote:

> I figure that the media is going to approach all parties after the meeting anyway. The benefits of scheduling something with them are that we can ensure greater clarity in our messaging and we will not be dragged away from talking with the public one-on-one after the meeting. I have found the latter to be frustrating during the availability sessions.
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> **From:** Hatton, Marc [mailto:HattonM@kalamazoocity.org]
> **Sent:** Thursday, January 15, 2015 3:33 PM
> **To:** Berkoff, Michael; Bucholtz, Paul (DEQ); Bruce Merchant
> **Subject:** RE: City Timeline/Outstanding Issues/Next Meeting
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> Can you send the link? Not sure on the media availability session. We have done a decent amount of media already and I am not sure if more is better or just more. I would like to hear Bruce's opinion on the matter and will ask

Jerome and Jeff Chamberlain their thoughts.

Be well.

Marc

From: Berkoff, Michael [mailto:berkoff.michael@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 4:28 PM
To: Hatton, Marc; Bucholtz, Paul (DEQ); Bruce Merchant
Subject: RE: City Timeline/Outstanding Issues/Next Meeting

All,
The website is updated with the 2014 sampling data and figures and the RI data, figures and tables.
We can stop using my gmail address too.
Are we still planning on having a media availability session associated with the city meeting? I need to know if I need to reserve a couple days with Joan or Rick.
Michael

From: Hatton, Marc [mailto:HattonM@kalamazoocity.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 3:20 PM
To: Bucholtz, Paul (DEQ); Bruce Merchant
Cc: Berkoff, Michael; Michael Berkoff
Subject: RE: City Timeline/Outstanding Issues/Next Meeting

It should be fine.

From: Bucholtz, Paul (DEQ) [mailto:BUCHOLTZP@michigan.gov]
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 3:28 PM
To: Bruce Merchant; Hatton, Marc
Cc: Berkoff, Michael; Michael Berkoff
Subject: RE: City Timeline/Outstanding Issues/Next Meeting

I was able to reserve a SMALL room at the City of St Joe as the Chambers are booked that day. This smaller room reportedly holds 6, but that should be

fine for our needs. Let me know if you would rather try for the MDOT TSC in Coloma...

From: Bruce Merchant [mailto:bemerchant@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 12:12 PM
To: Hatton, Marc
Cc: Berkoff, Michael; Bucholtz, Paul (DEQ); Michael Berkoff
Subject: Re: City Timeline/Outstanding Issues/Next Meeting

Great! Let's plan on February 5th. If you could confirm the location, Paul, that would be much appreciated. (By the way, it's 60 degrees and sunny in Phoenix right now!)

Bruce

Sent from my iPad

On Jan 15, 2015, at 8:16 AM, "Hatton, Marc" <HattonM@kalamazoocity.org> wrote:

> The 5th is fine for me as well.
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> **From:** Bruce Merchant [mailto:bemerchant@gmail.com]
> **Sent:** Wednesday, January 14, 2015 7:40 PM
> **To:** Berkoff, Michael
> **Cc:** Bucholtz, Paul (DEQ); Hatton, Marc;

Michael Berkoff
Subject: Re: City Timeline/Outstanding Issues/Next Meeting

Let's do February 5. I haven't heard back from Marc so if the 5th doesn't work we'll do February 12. Paul- can you reserve the room at St. Joe City Hall?

Thanks.

Bruce

Sent from my iPad

On Jan 14, 2015, at 12:36 PM, "Berkoff, Michael" <berkoff.michael@epa.gov> wrote:

> All, I believe that all of the dates thrown out there work for me. So, let's book something. Michael
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> **From:** Bucholtz, Paul (DEQ) [mailto: BUCHOLTZP@michigan.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 2:42 PM
To: Bruce Merchant; Hatton, Marc; Berkoff, Michael; Michael Berkoff
Subject: RE: City Timeline/Outstanding Issues/Next Meeting

Thanks Bruce,

Regarding the dates for our next meeting. I can do 2/4, 2/5, 2/10 and 2/12. I need to avoid 2/11 if possible.

Also, the

public dates look good except for 2/25, that one I can't do. I choose not to discuss the 3rd item today.

Best of luck with the race and have an awesome trip!!

Paul

From: Bruce Merchant [mailto: bemerchant@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2015 11:41 AM
To: Hatton, Marc; Berkoff, Michael; Bucholtz, Paul

(DEQ); Michael Berkoff
Subject: City Timeline/Outstanding Issues/ Next Meeting

Paul, Marc and Michael -

Thanks for the phone call last week Thursday. A good discussion (again) and, as always, the input and discussion are much appreciated.

Good article in the Kalamazoo Gazette on Sunday, January 11, 2015.

Glad that Michael was able to provide comments as well. Here's a link (if needed):

http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2015/01/allied_redevelopment.html

As is fairly normal, some of the quotes (from me, anyway) weren't exactly correct but that's to be expected.

As promised, I

have prepared a couple of things plus have some dates for our next meeting.

First, the dates. I looked at the calendar and I have open the following dates: February 4 & 5 (Wednesday and Thursday) and February 10, 11, & 12 (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday). I'm actually open all that

week but though t we'd want to keep the meetin g in toward the middle of the week. Of course, the meetin g would be weathe r-depend ent. L et me know what works for everyb ody.

Second , I've attache d two docum ents. T he first is a propos ed Timeli ne from the City's perspe ctive. Marc and I

are meeting this afternoon to discuss some of the public input process at the the public meeting with the Kalamazoo City Planner. Right now, some dates for the public meeting are: February 17, 18, 19. 24, 25, or 26. The date should be nailed down fairly soon as well as a location. We have about 5 potential locations

where we could meet. The second document is a list of outstanding issues that we may want to discuss at our early February meeting. Some of the issues aren't all the critical but we may want to flesh out the list and make sure we're tracking the issues appropriately so we don't miss anything.

Third, as Marc is

aware, I'm beginning to phase out my formal involvement with the City and the Allied Superfund Site. My contract with the City ends in mid-May 2015. I will begin to transfer my responsibilities to others at the City (namely Marc) as I begin this transition over the next couple of months. I'm

not disappearing from Kalamazoo or from informal involvement in the future. I'm still discussing how I can be available for any ongoing needs and will be available after May, on an as-needed basis. This is not meant as any type of negative reaction to the process either, believe me. I've been very fortunate to be involve

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Bruce

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