



Community Working Group

Meeting #21
June 4, 2014
MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting Attendees

Community Working Group members present:

George Martin – JF Ranch
Lynn Martin – JF Ranch
Nancy Vogler – LOST Trail
Roy Chavez - Concerned Citizens and Retired Miners
Pam Rabago – Superior Chamber of Commerce
Bill Vogler – Superior Copper Alliance
Mark Siegwarth – Boyce Thompson Arboretum
Bruce Wittig – Queen Valley Water Board
Cecil Fendley – Queen Valley Water Board
Fred Gaudet – Arizona Trail Association
Jeff Bunkelmann – Central Arizona College
Pam Bennett - Queen Valley HOA

Community Working Group members not present:

Steven Byrd – Superior Junior-Senior High School
Dominic Perea – Superior Junior-Senior High School
Evelyn Vargas – Cobre Valley Medical Center

Resolution Copper Company:

Melissa Rabago

Facilitator – Godec, Randall & Associates (GRA)

John Godec
Debra Duerr

Guest Speakers:

Cancelled: Mr. Franklin Stanley, Elder of the San Carlos Apache Community

Public Guests:

Lina K. Austin – Superior Chamber of Commerce, Future Forward Foundation
Tiffany Rowell – Superior resident

Housekeeping

The group agreed that they like the new meeting space at the Chamber of Commerce. John Godec noted that his company has joined the Chamber to help facilitate the use of their meeting space. According to a poll and consensus of CWG members, the best meeting date is the **second Wednesday of each month**. The group decided to continue meeting **at 5:30** for dinner with the meeting at 6:00. New meeting dates for the remainder of 2014 are listed at the end of this summary.



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The facilitators had suggested several updates to the CWG Operating Policies, which were emailed to members. The group reviewed the proposed changes, and said they were acceptable. The updated version will be finalized and distributed.

A *Dear Neighbor* letter from Resolution was included in the group's packets that described the Forest Service's Environmental Assessment process for the tailings site characterization. A member wanted to clarify if this was sent to Queen Valley residents as well, and Resolution said they would check.

Godec updated members on some outreach activities being conducted on behalf of the group, partly in response to public suggestions made at the last meeting. Mayor Valenzuela indicated that the Town would be willing to seek someone who could represent the Town of Superior in this group. The Rotary Club asked Godec to speak with them, and that group is also willing to find a representative to serve in this group. The Rotary also asked for a more formal presentation at their June 17 meeting at Los Hermanos. Godec asked the group if anyone would like to accompany him to this meeting, but they felt comfortable with him representing the CWG. The Chamber of Commerce Board meeting will be next Tuesday (June 10) and they have asked for another discussion about the CWG, as well.

Dr. Bunkelmann reported on his efforts to expand Central Arizona College's participation in this group. He said that Dr. Collette Boss is teaching a geology class on Wednesday nights in Superior, so this group would fit into that. Dr. Bunkelmann is meeting with her to discuss how we might coordinate with her curriculum. These are high school students, and the class was developed under a grant involving CAC, ASU, Civic, and Superior School District.

At the last meeting, suggestions were made to better publicize this group's meetings to the broader community. To that end, Godec asked the group if they would like to start a Facebook page. There were mixed feelings about this. After a thorough discussion of "pros and cons", the group decided not to undertake this activity. A member suggested that it might be more effective to reach out to organizations that would have an interest in any given topic and ask them to publicize the meetings.

It was agreed that the facilitators would contact local media publications to ask if they might be interested in writing a feature article about the Community Working Group. Also, on a regular basis, we will submit information and news releases about the monthly meetings to various publications including the Superior Sun's *This or That* column to announce meetings. We may also place 'posters' about the meetings at public locations.

Godec said that two additional group notebooks have been placed at the Superior Library and at the Chamber of Commerce office, for residents to look at if they have an interest. The group's meeting summaries are also posted on Resolution's website at: <http://resolutioncopper.com/sustainable-development/community/>

The group discussed methods for attracting new members to the CWG. They did not think that broad "advertising" would be an effective approach, but instead decided to identify targeted segments of the community that they felt should be represented and invite them to participate. These include the following.

New member suggestions:

Town of Superior
Rotary Club
Optimist Club
Knights of Columbus
Faith-based communities
Arizona Water Company
A local journalist
Superior School District
Parent-teacher organizations
Local and County fire departments
Pinal County
Red Bears

Godec noted that some of these organizations have been approached in the past, and they have declined to participate, but they will be contacted again. Members also suggested that if a community member attends several meetings as a visitor, they might be invited to join the group.

Action Items:

In summary, the actions items from the group's discussions at this meeting are as follows. The facilitators will complete these:

- Get contact information for the groups suggested, and invite new members.
- Write a news release describing the group (membership organizations), and noting that meetings are open to public – to do regularly.
- Try to interest a reporter to write a feature article about the group. Several members said they are willing to speak with him/her if requested.
- Announce monthly meetings in the *This or That* column in the Superior Sun, and possibly in other area community newspapers.
- Post announcements at public locations, e.g. Town Hall, Post Office, Senior Center, Porter's Café, Save Money Market, bulletin board on Main Street.
- Pamela Rabago offered that the Chamber of Commerce will add monthly meetings to its Facebook page.

Apache and Native American Concerns

Presenter: Mr. Franklin Stanley, Elder of the San Carlos Apache Community

Mr. Stanley was unable to attend the meeting due to illness.

Community Investment Organization Structure Discussion

Because our planned speaker was cancelled, the group began a discussion about how to administer community investment funds, a topic the group had previously identified as a critical item. Some initial thoughts and suggestions included:

- The profile and organization of such a group.
- Any group should be transparent, and consist of people who have Superior's best interest at heart.

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- It should be philanthropic and broad-based.
- Possible members, or a Board of Directors, might include:
 - Youth, environmental organizations, seniors, residents in and near Superior, Town of Superior Council members, other local officials, community organizations, business – similar to this CWG
- Are members serving because of their position, or because of their skills?
- This group would need the right skill sets, e.g. attorney, CPA.
- Would their focus be on helping the town, or solving problems?
- Examples might be boards similar to the Nina Mason Pulliam Foundation. Members noted that everybody has tried to create the perfect board, but that hasn't happened yet. There are always challenges, especially when membership changes.
- Superior Development Foundation Corporation was a previous initiative that might be a good example. This was a 7-person board with the Town as a non-voting member, so they had a voice but didn't control it.
- Members suggested that we benchmark what other similar communities have done, and what Rio Tinto has done around the world.
 - Research various types of organizations. These might include County boards & special districts, bonding, private foundations, others.
- There is a legal issue here: If community investment funds are deposited with the Town, there are no legal obligations attached for them to spend it in a certain way. So, this independent arrangement should be able to specifically earmark funds for actions, based on applications for special projects or programs.

Public Comments

A visitor said she was not aware that the CWG meetings were open to the public until the last meeting.

A visitor asked whether this group ever takes action on items, as a group? (Members responded that they did make a recommendation on the tailings site.) The guest said she was thinking about the health study that was discussed at the last meeting, and suggested that a university be contracted to come and take contamination measurements, since ADEQ said they do not do site investigations. She observed that this would be an interesting graduate thesis or research study, on the effects of irresponsible mining and what happens to the community as a result.

Final CWG Comments and Future Meeting Planning

The group was reminded that Public Scoping Meetings on the tailings site characterization EA are starting next Tuesday, June 10, at the High School from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

Mr. Chavez informed the group that he is going to Gallup for a health initiative action committee meeting. Agencies are hampered by lack of funding (e.g. noting what ADHS said at the last meeting). This conference is about how citizens and educational institutions can support health studies.

A member asked for information to be updated at the next meeting about mapping and pipeline expansion for Hewitt Station.



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Next Meeting:

5:30 PM

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Meeting Location

Superior Chamber of Commerce

165 W. Main Street

Superior AZ

The Arizona State Land Commissioner is scheduled to attend to discuss State Land policies, procedures, questions, and concerns relative to Resolution’s tailings site location.

Godec reported that Superior’s Mayor and Council offered to speak with this group. The group thought this would be an exciting opportunity and asked Godec to invite them for the July or August meeting.

2014 MEETING DATES

REVISED 6/4/14

(2nd Wednesday of each month)

Dinner at 5:30 PM
Meeting from 6:00 to 8:00 PM
Superior Chamber of Commerce
165 W. Main Street
Superior AZ 85173

Day	Date
Special Meeting: Wednesday	June 18
Wednesday	July 9
Wednesday	August 13
Wednesday	September 10
Wednesday	October 8
Wednesday	November 12
Wednesday	December 10