

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Topic and Number:	St. Helens Brownfield Assessment Program Brownfield Advisory Committee Meeting No. 1
Meeting Date & Time:	03/20/19; 2pm-4pm
Project Number:	0830.05.01
Project Name:	St. Helens Brownfield Assessment Program
Meeting Location:	St. Helens City Hall
Recorded By:	Seth Otto, Maul Foster & Alongi
Attendees:	John Walsh, City of St. Helens Jennifer Dimsho, City of St. Helens Jacob Graichen, City of St. Helens Sue Nelson, City of St. Helens Scott Jensen, Port of St. Helens Claire Catt, Public Health Foundation of Columbia Alex Tardiff, Columbia County Commission Chuck Daughtry Columbia County Economic Team Audrey Webster, Citizen at Large
Members Absent	Mayor Rick Scholl

Meeting Content

City staff welcomed the members of the Brownfield Advisory Committee (BAC) to their first meeting for the St. Helens Brownfield Assessment Program. Seth Otto from Maul Foster & Alongi (MFA), the City’s consultant for this project, provided background information on brownfields and the brownfield planning that has been done in St. Helens to date. Seth reviewed the purpose and scope of the USEPA Community-Wide Assessment grant that is funding the Brownfield Assessment Program and the BAC’s role in overseeing the implementation and use of grant funds.

Seth facilitated a discussion about the public involvement process for the program, reviewing the Public Involvement Plan and discussing what the BAC members thought would be the best ways to engage with the public. Seth walked the BAC through the site selection process, which will be the task at the next meeting. Seth facilitated a discussion with the BAC to determine what property characteristics they thought were important to prioritize a site for grant funding.

General Comments

- Important messages
 - Tie this effort to the revitalization work the City is doing, health of the community (access to healthy food and open space), and improving the community for kids
 - Not an effort to point fingers at property owners. Instead this is a way to help them through the assessment and cleanup processes
- Public involvement

- Try to create ways to make community meetings more interactive

Desirable Site Characteristics

The BAC identified the following characteristics as priorities when considering a site for grant funding:

- Good for employment
- Lack of other physical/regulatory encumbrances
- Pose a threat to public health due to contamination
- Potential for future public access and/or transportation improvements

Action Items:

Item No.	Description	Person Responsible	Date Due
1	Provide BAC with a copy of the target area map	City	3/23/18
2	Recruit a business owner or real estate developer to sit on the BAC	City	Before next meeting

PLEASE SIGN-IN

City of St. Helens

**EPA Community-Wide Assessment Grant BAC Meeting #1
March, 20, 2018**

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