

**MEETING AT COX SCHOOL
AUGUST 26, 1993
FOR VERDESE CARTER PARK**

Attended the meeting at Cox School, 9800 Sunnyside Street, Oakland CA. concerning the cleaning of and replacement of Verdesse Carter Park with the citizens of Elmhurst District.

- * There were approximately 32 members of the community there
- * Representatives of the following agencies:
 - Oakland Councilwoman Dezie Woods Jones Staff Members
 - Floretta Chisom, Oak. Office of Health and Human Serv.
 - Terry Roberts, Oak. Office of Public Works
 - Dr. Carl Smith, Alameda County Health Care Serv. Agency
 - Supervising Public Health Nurse from CHDP
 - Ravi Arulanantham, Senior Haz. Mat. Spec. ACEH-HMD
 - Representative of the Oak. Park and Rec. Dept.
- * Floretta Chisom moderated the meeting
- * Terry Roberts gave an update on the most recent sampling event at the park.
 - Ravi showed Mr. Roberts and Floretta Chisom the chart that was prepared showing all the information on the results of sampling and location of sampling. Ravi was not given the opportunity to present this information and was requested to speak only on the role of Environmental Health in overseeing the cleanup of the park. Mr. Roberts report gave no laboratory results and the people were dissatisfied with the report.
- * The Oakland Park and Recreation Dept. representative gave an overview of how the park will look after it is cleaned and refurbished with new equipment.
- * Ravi gave a presentation of our (ACHCSA) role in overseeing the cleanup from a standpoint of both final results showing the park area is clean and our role in protecting the Health of the Community as a whole during the cleanup, demolition and reconstruction of the park. He stated that the site would be monitored for dust emission and acceptable dust control measures would be implemented.
- * Dr. Smith gave a presentation to the community concerning the medical aspects of the metals involved (arsenic, lead and zinc) and the ability of the children to be tested

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through the CHDP program with their own Dr's, if they did not have a Dr. then the agency would assist in directing them to a Dr. for appropriate evaluation and screening if necessary.

the principal of Cox school requested that the students of the school be tested. After discussion it was presented that the City have a Health Fair at the school in the near future and have sign up for screening at that time. The ACHCSA had sign up sheets and evaluation forms for the people in attendance at the meeting and will also provide forms for those in attendance to give to their neighbors and other concerned parents in the area.

* The CHDP representative gave the above information and stated that she and her staff would be available for calls beginning at 1:00 P.M. Friday the 27th. of August.

* Concerns voiced by the community:

1. Employment:

The city has promised at least 8 jobs with 40 hour training to the community.

2. Past exposure:

Dr. Smith assured the parents that the children would be given test after screening by their physician or an appointed physician through the CHDP program.

Exposure for the adults and senior citizens was expressed as a concern and Dr. Smith stated that the exposure several years ago would not be evident in adults and that the main concern here is lead and the population of concern is the children. If the first wave of children are found to be lead intoxicated then a more aggressive action will be taken by the Agency for evaluation and treatment.

3. Protection during the removal of the contaminated soil:

Ravi stated that the soil would be removed in a safe manner for the community with notice to the school when the action would take place and that the soil would be "wet" for dust control.

4. One of the members of the public stated that Terry Roberts had said in the paper that there was no problem at the park and that was a "lie". and Mr. Roberts should be fired.

Mr. Roberts stated that he was not with the City when

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the park land was bought and developed. That he was not the man he saw in the paper. The member of the community said if he was incorrect he apologized.

5. A concern from the public is the building and the possible contamination that exists under it and that it has the same potential as the basketball court of having the contamination seep up through cracks in the floor. It was verbally recommended to the City that possibly resurfacing the floor may remove any concern. This recommendation was not made in the public setting.