



Agenda Item: Resolution

TITLE:
CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2019-46, REQUESTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN RELATED TO THE VOLUNTARY REMEDIATION PROGRAM ENROLLMENT BY BP PRODUCTS NORTH AMERICA, INC. AT THE FORMER AMOCO REFINERY IN LARAMIE, WYOMING

Recommended Council MOTION:

I move to approve Resolution 2019-46, requesting the development of a Public Participation Plan Related to the Voluntary Remediation Program Enrollment by BP Products North America, Inc. of the Former Amoco Refinery Site in Laramie, Wyoming, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign.

Administrative or Policy Goal:

Both the City’s *Comprehensive Plan* and *Park & Recreation Master Plan* support and recommend the return of the Former Amoco Refinery site to beneficial public use.

Background:

The former Amoco Refinery Site on North Cedar Street has been accepted into the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Voluntary Remediation Program (the “Program”). DEQ describes the Program as “an integrated, flexible, risk-based cleanup process specifically designed to be responsive to local concerns and to support Volunteers.” Program enrollees complete a remedy agreement and/or cleanup and are eligible for several liability assurances.

Property owners who voluntarily enter the Program must provide public notice and an opportunity for the public to participate in cleanup decisions and when remedies are selected or modified. Notice appeared in the Laramie Boomerang on May 5th indicating the deadline for requesting public participation as June 4, 2019. The public notice provided the following description of the history of the property:

“The former oil refinery was built by Midwest Refining Company in 1919. In 1921, Standard Oil of Indiana constructed pressure stills adjacent to the property designed to process gas and oil delivered from Midwest. Standard then acquired the Midwest Refinery in 1921 and operated the combined facility until 1932, when it was shut down and dismantled. Standard later became Amoco, which then merged with BP Products North America, Inc. in 1998. Past activities at the Site have impacted soils, sediment, groundwater, and surface water with petroleum hydrocarbons, metals and asbestos.”

The Program allows for members of the public to request a site-specific public participation plan. Staff understand that a request from the municipality is sufficient to *require* a public participation plan. On May 21st, the City Manager filed a request with DEQ which would be reinforced by the adoption of a City Council Resolution.

The *Comprehensive Plan* indicates Future Land Use of the sit as Park/Open Space/Natural Area. The *Park & Recreation Master Plan* indicates the site should be developed as a Community Park within Service Area 4.

Legal/Statutory Authority:

W.S. § 35-11-1604

Responsible Staff:

City Manager's Office, 307-721-5226

Attachments: City Manager Letter of May 21, 2019

Public Notice, May 5, 2019