

INDUSTRIAL CANAL LOCK REPLACEMENT STUDY

NEIGHBORHOOD WORKING GROUP MEETING

August 28, 1991

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SUMMARY

Joe Dicharry opened the meeting with a welcome to all attendees (list attached). After everyone introduced themselves, Joe gave an overview of the Opening Planning process including the Bogg's language and the establishment of the Advisory Council. He admitted that the Advisory Council approach is not working and this working group approach is another try at establishing an effective mechanism of communication with all the affected stakeholders. This new process is aimed at developing a comprehensive "win-win" solution for the project.

Mr. Dicharry then informed the group of the Corps' ideas on how this process will work. He said that it will not be directly associated with the Advisory Council, that the group would have regular scheduled meetings (every 2 or 3 weeks), set agendas, and meeting summaries and that the group would identify the issues, group them together, and then begin working towards a resolution. He then asked for comments from the various organizations about this process. In general, the group was well pleased with this process since it didn't involve any political leaders. The local neighborhood representatives were willing to talk about the real issues.

Many issues/concerns were raised at the meeting. The major ones are listed below:

a. The intent of the Boggs' language in the FY 91 Appropriation Act needs to be clarified. The neighborhood leaders believed that the intent was to look at all alternative sites, including Violet. Rudy Muse had a letter from Mrs. Boggs stating that fact. The letter was written prior to the bill's passage. Joe Dicharry explained that it was the Corps' position that the bill language, which states ".....at the Industrial Canal site.....", is clear and that Violet is no longer under consideration primarily for environmental (ecological and biological) reasons. Much discussion followed including whether the new wetlands policy the Bush administration is pushing would change our position on the feasibility of the Violet site. The group finally concluded we could not resolve this issue at this meeting. Corps' representatives said they would pursue this issue further, whether it was through Congressional channels or the Corps' Washington-level offices and report on the progress at the group's next meeting.

b. John Wilson of the City Planning Commission explained the City's ongoing effort to define a physical master plan for the city. He stated that we need to tie the community improvement process associated with the lock into the City's process in an appropriate fashion. The city also has another 5 year plan to define public improvements needed that would enhance the quality of life.

c. Neighborhood representatives expressed their desire to settle the Violet site issue before talking at length about any possible "win-win" situation for a lock at the Industrial Canal.

d. Nick Constan, briefly explained the scope of services that our social impact analysis contractor has been working with. He asked the group to review the handout given and provide comments on whether the scope has included all social impact areas. We asked the group to review this in a "what if" scenerio, assuming that the Violet site or any other sites are eliminated and the Industrial Canal site is the only site. The next meeting was set as the target for getting their comments.

We agreed that the next meeting would be September 11 at 7:00 probably at the same place. Joe Dicharry said he would prepare a summary and send it and the attendance list to the entire group before the next meeting.


Gerald J. Dicharry, Jr.
Senior Project Manager



ATTENDANCE RECORD



DATE(S) 28 Aug 91	SPONSORING ORGANIZATION U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New Orleans District	LOCATION Jackson Barracks New Orleans
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PURPOSE INDUSTRIAL CANAL LOCK REPLACEMENT STUDY-
Neighborhood Working Group Meeting

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INDUSTRIAL CANAL LOCK REPLACEMENT STUDY

NEIGHBORHOOD WORKING GROUP MEETING

SEPTEMBER 11, 1991

A G E N D A

COMMENTS ON SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS MEETING

DISCUSSION OF THE VIOLET SITE ISSUE

COMMENTS ON SOCIAL IMPACT ANALYSIS CONTRACT, SCOPE OF SERVICES

IDENTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES

AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

INDUSTRIAL CANAL LOCK REPLACEMENT STUDY

NEIGHBORHOOD WORKING GROUP MEETING

SEPTEMBER 11, 1991 * LIST

SUMMARY

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The initial item of business was to solicit comments on the SUMMARY of the previous meeting. Rudy Muse said that two important issues were omitted. We agreed that by mentioning these issues in this SUMMARY would suffice. The two issues are as follows:

a. It is the concensus of opinion of all three neighborhood groups that they don't want the project.

b. There is existing law that allows projects dealing with waterborne commerce to be built in wetlands. Rudy passed out the attached news article in support of this issue.

No other comments were received on the SUMMARY.

Joe Dicharry then clarified the position of the Corps as it relates to the status of the Violet site alternative. He admitted that in previous meetings statements by him and other Corps representatives may have unintentionally mis-led the locals about the Violet site. Joe stated that the Violet site is not "dead and buried, never to be heard from again". We have been studying the Violet site for many years and we have completed all our studies at that site. We have determined the construction plan, the costs, the impacts, and the economics for that site. We are not going to do any further studies because we feel we have done enough for that site. He explained that the Violet site will be displayed in our Feasibility Report and in the EIS and will be compared with an Industrial Canal plan site during the evaluation process.

This group represents the stakeholders associated with the IHNC site who need to be involved in the development of a comprehensive plan for a lock that might be built at this site. We need to study this site in more detail so we can have an IHNC plan comparable to the plan at the Violet site. Maybe we need to do more at this site because of the complexities. If we were to study the Violet site further we would form a similar group to this but only with the stakeholders involved with that site.

Ethel Warren asked if the details of the Violet Plan could be given to the group. Joe Dicharry said that would be no problem but it may not be ready for the next meeting, probably by the following meeting. He stressed that the Violet facts and figures were for their information only and that the Violet Site is not on the table for discussion by the group.

Ruby Sumler asked who would make the final decision on whether to build the new lock at Violet or the Industrial Canal. It was explained that the ultimate decision is with Congress. Margaret Pahl asked if the Corps was going to make their final recommendation, after comparing the two sites, with the benefit of input from public hearings. The answer was yes.

Lloyd Brown expressed his concern about how this community has been burned in the past by major projects such as this and he doesn't trust the Corps when he hears "all of this rhetoric". Joe Dicharry said that we (the Corps) are attempting to build trust through this working group process, so give us a chance to do that.

Another point that was brought up by a number of people was the fact that the shipping industry stands to make a lot of money on this project at the expense of the community. 50,000 people would be impacted by the project for their benefit. Harold Wilbert pointed out that the shipping and navigation interests give quite a bit back to the community with jobs, etc. So if they are financially healthy, the general area's economy is healthy and the community benefits indirectly.

Other major issues that were brought up and will need answers to or resolution of in upcoming meetings are as follows:

a. Impact of devaluation of personal property due to the continuing notoriety this project has received to date and will receive in the future.

b. How has the \$1.1 million given to the Corps in the FY 91 Appropriations Act for this project been spent and by whom? How much minority participation?

c. What is estimated total cost of project and who pays what? Which bodies pay for what costs?

d. Is the lock construed as a direct government action project?

e. Need legislative oversight of the area concerning projects such as this. More accountability to the public.

f. Higher bridges across the Canal will not be very conducive to the substantial pedestrian traffic across St. Claude.

g. Clarification of law of eminent domain. What triggers use of that law and would just compensation be guaranteed?

h. Why is the value of wetlands and wildlife considered more important than human environment?

There were no significant comments on the Scope of Services for the Social Impact Assessment. John Wilson stated he thought the scope was very comprehensive. Margaret Pahl asked when the group would get the final report. She also asked if this group found something that was left out, can it be included. She was informed that the report is a source document and it can be supplemented. The report is not the absolute final product.

Rudy Muse requested that a representative of the Corps legal staff be present at all meetings. Margaret Pahl suggested that maybe certain meetings could be set aside for legal questions and the legal staff would be invited to that meeting. The group agreed with that approach.

Marc Cooper inquired about the status of the Advisory Council. Is it dead or in a coma? Joe Dicharry said it was in a coma. The neighborhood representatives agreed that it should stay in that state.

Gerald J. Dicharry, Jr.
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Senior Project Manager



ATTENDANCE RECORD



DATE(S)	SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	LOCATION
11 Sept 91	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New Orleans District	Jackson Barracks New Orleans
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INDUSTRIAL CANAL LOCK REPLACEMENT STUDY

NEIGHBORHOOD WORKING GROUP MEETING

SEPTEMBER 25, 1991

A G E N D A

COMMENTS ON SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS MEETING
PRESENTATION OF THE PRELIMINARY LAYOUT DRAWINGS
DISCUSSION OF ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING
IDENTIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES
AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

INDUSTRIAL CANAL LOCK REPLACEMENT STUDY

NEIGHBORHOOD WORKING-GROUP MEETING

SEPTEMBER 25, 1991

SUMMARY

The initial item of business was to solicit comments on the SUMMARY of the previous meeting. Warren Dupre said that two important issues were omitted. We agreed that by mentioning these issues in this SUMMARY would suffice. The two issues are as follows:

a. Impact of closing the St. Claude Avenue bridge to the health care needs of the community as it relates specifically to the hospital on St. Claude Avenue.

b. Impact of major displacements of residents on the hospital's business and on the other local businesses in the area.

No other comments were received on the previous meeting's SUMMARY.

Joe Dicharry then began the presentation of the Corps' "preliminary" layout drawings of the proposed alternatives. He stated that the reason for this presentation was to clarify for the group the direct impact areas for a lock, if it is to be built at the Industrial Canal site. Many statements had been made in previous meetings to lead the Corps' team to believe that the neighborhood representatives believed that the project would require the displacement of 50,000 people. Also, Joe explained that these drawings represented our conceptual designs, that are going to be refined and updated as needed, but in any case represented the maximum extent to which the Corps would require property.

The alternative to build it on the downriver side of the existing lock was shown first. During the description of this alternative many questions were raised. Some were as follows:

a. What were the rights of the landowners who were going to be directly impacted by this project? Don Athey then briefly described the process as dictated by Federal regulations. He stated that once the plan is finalized, authorized, funded and the final right-of-way is approved, the Corps would have authority to begin acquisition. That would give us the right to exercise eminent domain if we needed to. Don then briefly explained what eminent domain means and what triggers it. If the landowners and the Corps cannot arrive at a mutually agreeable settlement, the issue of just compensation would be resolved in the Federal court.

b. What allowance could be given to the devaluation of the property in this area that as occurred because of the notoriety this project has had over the years? Don explained that our regs. allow for only the fair market value of the property, as determined by a recognized expert appraiser, at the time of the appraisal as governed by Federal law. Joe Dicharry explained that working through this process may identify other legislative authorities and other sources of funding that might be used to supplement the normal real estate allowances.

c. What can be done for those residents who live on the edge of the take lines and are not entitled to the benefits and rights associated with the normal right-of-way acquisition process? Joe stated that the Rigamer report addressed that issue and a resolution of this issue is an objective of this process.

d. What was the size of lock being studied and how does it relate to the article in the Times Picayune on September 19, 1991 where Ron Brinson said the Dock Board would like to see a lock that could accommodate Panamax ships? Joe explained that the Corps had to perform benefit analyses to determine the most economically feasible project. He informed the group that the largest size of lock the Corps is studying at this time, is a lock 36 feet deep by 110 feet wide by 900 feet long. The size of the existing lock is 31.5 feet deep by 75 feet wide by 640 feet long. As far as Mr. Brinson's statement, that may be his dream or wish, but we don't believe we can justify a lock to accommodate the Panamax ships on an incremental basis. The question was asked "what is the Dock Board/nav. interests goal about deep draft capability for the lock?"

Other issues and discussion that occurred during the description of the layout drawings (all plans were eventually shown to the group) included the following:

1) The bridge approaches and rights-of-way required for them were designed on using a 5% grade, as dictated by the La. DOTD. The Corps was re-looking at the bridge designs through the use of contractors (one being N.Y. and Associates) to study the impact of steeper grades on the approaches. The Corps also will be talking to the La DOTD about their criteria. Margaret Pahl said they may talk to DOTD also. Joe explained that these additional studies would also look at a low-level and tunnel option at St. Claude. Studies to-date were based on semi-high level (same as existing Claiborne Avenue Bridge) options.

2) Lloyd Brown expressed his concern that the block bounded by Poland, St. Claude, Lesseps and N. Rampart shown to be needed for the St. Claude approach was tied into the relocation of the 5th District Police Station. Corps representatives tried to explain that this right-of-way requirement was determined to be needed only this year, long after the plans for the 5th District Police Station were discussed and finalized.

3) There was concerns about where all of the businesses along the canal between Claiborne Avenue and Florida Avenue would go once they were relocated for this project. Would they just push the residents out by relocating along the new widened canal?

4) Rudy Muse suggested that an audio-visual presentation be prepared to show everyone what exactly we are proposing with this project. Computer graphics technology exists to develop this. The group agreed that we would further develop the plans, both community development and lock replacement, before this effort would be undertaken.

The Corps handed out copies of the Social Impact Assessment Report prepared by Gregory C. Rigamer and Associates. The report is an independent study of the impacts, both positive and negative, this project would have on the community. It does not represent the Corps recommended position, but a "shopping list" of proposed community development actions that may have to be funded through other sources and authorities. Marc Cooper asked how does the cost of these mitigation proposals get cranked into the total cost of the project. Joe Dicharry explained that the Boggs' language in the FY 91 Appropriations Act seems to say that any measures needed to compensate the neighborhoods for their inconvenience is justified. But, Joe stated that some in the Corps don't share that interpretation and we are trying to resolve that issue within the Corps.

Joe also handed out the two tables shown on the attachments and briefly explained what they meant. This was in response to questions asked at the previous meeting.

The group agreed that future meetings could be tape recorded so we can have accurate record of these meetings. Corps will provide the recorders.

Next meeting was scheduled for October 9, 1991, same time and place. Major discussion item will be the Rigamer report.


Gerald J. Dicharry, Jr.
Senior Project Manager

INDUSTRIAL CANAL LOCK REPLACEMENT STUDY

Breakdown of the FY 91 Appropriation
(\$1.157 million) for this Project

EBASCO Engineering Contract to develop "preliminary" designs of a "floating-in" construction scheme	\$191,000
Greg C. Rigamer Social Impact Analysis Contract 1/	208,000
Cultural Resources Contracts	88,000
(R. Christopher Goodwin)	(13,000)
(Earth Search, Inc.) 2/	(75,000)
Corps' In-house studies	607,000
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	\$1,157,000

1/ Minority participation by subcontracts with two individuals from Southern University of New Orleans, who were members of the study team

2/ Woman-owned business

INDUSTRIAL CANAL LOCK REPLACEMENT STUDY

Example of Cost Sharing

"Estimated" Total Project Cost 1/ 2/	- \$456,000,000
Shallow Draft Portion(lock sized to accommodate only barge traffic)	- 405,000,000
Deep Draft Increment(additional cost to provide depth required for ships)	- 51,000,000

Shallow Draft Cost Sharing

50% paid from the regular Corps of Engineers appropriations from Congress	- 202,500,000
50% paid from the Inland Waterways Trust Fund. This fund is generated by collecting a fuel tax from all inland waterway users and is administered by a Board of reps. from these users. (authorized by the Water Resources Development Act of 1986)	- 202,500,000

Deep Draft Increment Cost Sharing

75% paid from the regular Corps of Engineers appropriations from Congress	- 38,250,000
25% paid from a cash contribution from a local sponsor, presently designated as the N.O. Dock Board	- 12,750,000

1/ Average cost of all alternatives

2/ Does not include any social mitigation costs



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PURPOSE INDUSTRIAL CANAL LOCK REPLACEMENT STUDY
Neighborhood Working Group Meeting

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Industrial Canal Lock Replacement Study
Neighborhood Working Group Meeting
October 9, 1991

SUMMARY

Joe Dicharry opened the meeting and reminded everyone that the meeting would be recorded as agreed to at the meeting on September 25, 1991.

The presence of both the print and television media created some confusion at the beginning of the meeting. Marc Cooper voiced his disagreement with having media or politicians present at our meetings. It was not his understanding that they would be allowed to attend our meetings and Marc left the meeting. Margaret Pahl indicated that she felt that the situation with the media violated the confidence of the group and the Corps.

After a brief discussion the print media representative left voluntarily followed by the cameraman from Channel 6 who left after filming about 1 minute of footage. Later on a Channel 4 cameraman and reporter showed up taped part of the meeting and interviewed Rudy Muse outside.

There was some discussion again about the Violet site. Joe Dicharry explained that the Corps has studied Violet over the years and had developed a lock plan at Violet. Summary information on Violet will be presented to the Work group at a future meeting

After much discussion about media presence and the nature of our discussions, the meeting continued and focused the primary concern about how information could be disseminated to the local people. Discussion about possibly having videos of the meetings to putting out newsletters followed. After much discussion it was agreed that the Corps would publish a newsletter and furnish it to the associations. They, in turn, would distribute them within the community.

There was a brief discussion about the Rigamer Report. It was explained that the report was intended to be a source document and a starting point for the work group to begin their discussions.

It was generally agreed by the neighborhood representatives that they feel uncomfortable in trying to convey information about the project to their association members and some of the residents think they are working in secret.

It was agreed that the Corps would have a draft of a newsletter available for review by the working group before the next meeting. The first newsletter should contain the purpose of the work group, the time frame for accomplishment of the work group's task, and provide general information about what is going on with the lock study.

Joe Dicharry also offered to have Corps representatives make presentations at meetings of the various associations if they wanted presentations. That way the Corps could respond directly to questions from the membership of the associations.

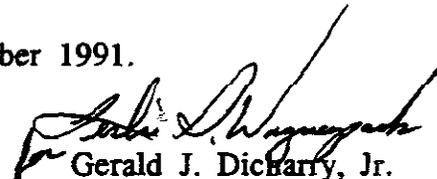
There was also a discussion about making videos of meetings or presentations. It was generally agreed that the Corps would make videos of certain presentations and make those videos available to the local organizations.

There was also some discussion about the draft letter that Colonel Diffley showed to Rudy Muse. Joe Dicharry explained that the colonel had decided not to send the letter. Joe also reiterated that the Corps was committed to this Work Group.

There was also a discussion about possible jobs and economic development that could be associated with construction of the lock. If the project does happen then the community would like to have first shot at jobs and economic development.

Margaret also indicated that she was intrigued by Rigamer's proposal for a lock north of Claiborne Avenue. There was a discussion about this alternative. Joe Dicharry pointed out that the alternative had been looked at in the early eighties and there were problems (both cost and engineering) in making it an acceptable solution.

The next meeting will be held on 23 October 1991.


Gerald J. Dicharry, Jr.
Senior Project Manager



ATTENDANCE RECORD



DATE(S)	SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	LOCATION
9 Oct 91	U. S. Army Corps of Engineers New Orleans District	Jackson Barracks New Orleans
PURPOSE INDUSTRIAL CANAL LOCK REPLACEMENT STUDY Neighborhood Working Group Meeting		
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IHNCLOCK
WORK GROUP MEETING
22 OCTOBER 1991

A G E N D A

- **REVIEW SUMMARY OF LAST MEETING**
(Discuss any changes or comments)
- **MENTION LOOKING AT NORTH OF CLAIBORNE AVENUE PLAN**
- **DISCUSS NEWSLETTER** (hand out draft of proposed text)
- **COMMENT ON LETTERS/MEDIA ATTENTION**
- **FOCUS ON RESOURCE DISCUSSIONS IN THE RIGAMER (GCR) REPORT**
- **CLOSING COMMENTS** (Set topics for next meeting)

**INDUSTRIAL CANAL LOCK REPLACEMENT STUDY
NEIGHBORHOOD WORKING GROUP**

**Summary of Meeting
23 October 1991**

Les Waguespack chaired the meeting in the absence of Joe Dicharry. The initial item of business was to solicit comments on the Summary of the previous meeting. Les mentioned that the Corps is planning to investigate the North of Claiborne Avenue alternative that was identified in the GCR Social Impact Assessment and briefly discussed at the end of the previous meeting.

The following comments relative to the last meeting were made:

a. Ruby Sumler reiterated for the record what she understood Joe Dicharry had said "that was if the people did not want it (the project), would the Corps recommend it?" and Joe had replied that the Corps would not recommend the IHNC site if the people do not want it. Les agreed that this is what Joe had said.

b. Rudy Muse expressed concern about how we involve the public in the debate. He said he thought we should focus on how we involve the publics get more public input.

Les pointed out that it was agreed that the newsletter, videos of selected presentations and presentations at meetings of the neighborhood associations would serve to involve the public and give them information about the lock plans.

Rudy reiterated his concern and quoted from the newsletter "... local community fully informed and have a voice in the process." He said he didn't feel the neighborhood associations should be responsible for distributing the newsletters and that the Corps should assume this responsibility. This was followed by extensive discussions about how best to distribute the newsletters in the neighborhoods.

Lary Hesdorffer pointed out that the representatives on the Work Group have a responsibility to serve and receive information. He pointed out that once the newsletter goes out there will probably be some people that want to observe the working group meetings. That should be allowed.

There were further discussions about distribution of the newsletter. The responsibility of the Corps to distribute the newsletter because they have a budget and the neighborhoods don't have the resources to accomplish that.

Dave Wurtzel said that we are there to ask the neighborhood association representatives how best to accomplish that.

There was a discussion on how to accomplish that. It included such means as mailing, house to house delivery, placing them in businesses and public places, putting them in churches, etc., It was pointed out that no system is perfect and there was no way to make sure we always get 100% coverage. After a five-minute break there was a discussion of content of the newsletter. Several suggestions were made including listing Corps and Port contacts, listing addresses for the organizations and listing phone numbers of those representatives desiring to have their numbers listed.

There were brief comments relative to the Advisory Council including the mishandling of information regarding its formation and meetings.

John Wilson commented about the informal process of the working group and suggested we structure the work group meetings more. Have an agenda and stick to it and establish a time frame to accomplish tasks in. It was agreed that this was needed.

It was then agreed that we need to begin discussing pertinent issues relative to the lock and neighborhoods.

Regarding distribution of the newsletters, Les indicated that the Corps would do its best in trying to develop a plan to distribute the newsletters. It was generally agreed that at the next meeting there would be an agenda, a revised newsletter and a plan for distributing it.

Marc Cooper requested that we put some graphics (a photo, or drawings of the bridges) in the newsletter.

Les introduced the GCR Social Impact Assessment which is intended to serve as a source document. He asked Keven Lovetro to give us a little background on the SIA.

Keven indicated that the contractor was given three tasks.

1. To describe the area as it exists now and how it would look in the future without our lock project.
2. To evaluate the elements of construction and how the community would fare during construction and after the project is completed, and
3. Recognize that a construction of the lock could create adverse impacts on the community. The contractor was asked to recommend alternative construction techniques and other ways to reduce the impacts to the community.

Keven indicated that the Corps asked the contractor to assess community needs and recommend measures to us. The contractor recommended improvements including some to be initiated prior to construction of the project to reduce impacts to the community. The information in the report was organized into 13 resource categories. Keven provided examples of several impacts and recommendations made by the

contractor. Some observations and comments were made by some of the neighborhood representatives regarding some of the more obvious impacts.

Mrs Warren brought up the Violet site again and requested more information on the Violet site.

Margaret Pahl commented that the SIA was only a study of the social impacts and did not include the biological impacts. At Violet the biological impacts would be as voluminous as the social impacts at the IHNC.

Keven pointed out that the intent of the contract was to address the social impacts and mitigation measures at the IHNC site and to provide recommendations only for mitigation of social impacts at Violet, since the social impact assessment at Violet had already been conducted in 1989. That is why there is less treatment of Violet.

Les Waguespack reiterated the purpose of the working group is to develop a consensus plan for the IHNC site to compare to a plan for the Violet site in order for the Corps to make a recommendation. At present we have about a half-dozen plans at the IHNC site and need to determine which is the best plan. We established the working group to help us accomplish that.

Margaret Pahl suggested that we have a display available to help identify the various alternative plans and make things easier during our discussions.

Marc Cooper commented that he was not interested in the Violet plans and didn't want this group to become a site selection committee. He said he was interested in the IHNC plans and intrigued by the possibility of a north of Claiborne plan.

It was agreed that the next meeting would focus include a presentation on the various alternatives being considered at the IHNC that were evaluated in the SIA and that we would begin discussion of the issues and concerns related to the alternative plans.


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