

Meeting Minutes
Organized Community Action Program, Inc.
Heatherton Ltd. Public Meeting – Greenville Public Library
November 7, 2024

A list of attendees is on the enclosed sign-in sheet.

Mr. Juan Henderson, OCAP Executive Director, called the meeting to order at 6:17PM. He welcomed everyone and thanked them for their time and care for the Butler County community.

He read a prepared statement concerning the environmental condition of the Heatherton property and its remediation plan. He shared the results of the environmental risk assessment performed by TEA, Inc. that specifies that current and former residents are highly unlikely to be adversely exposed to any health concerns related to the finding. He shared that the arsenic is not volatile and risks are directly related to soil ingestion over an extended time period.

Mr. Henderson shared details of the site's ABCA that details the specific remediation plan. A few questions arose,

1. Will the cleanup affect the neighboring community?
2. Since the risk factor is low and no residents have been harmed, is the cleanup necessary?

Mr. Henderson turned the meeting over to Mr. Isaiah Scott to further explain the specifics of the project. Mr. Scott shared that this meeting was part of an EPA Brownfields grant application that will be awarded sometime in April 2025 and if awarded the cleanup project will begin in October with an anticipated timeline of 12-16 weeks. During which time the tenants cannot live on the premises. Mr. Scott shared that the organization is working closely with partners to help identify relocation options and a stipend may be issued to help ease the burden of relocating. This sparked a few questions,

3. When will tenants have to relocate, when will they be notified?
4. Will current tenants have first choice to move back in?
5. Will the property be renovated during this time?
6. Will there be another or additional community meetings?

Mr. Scott held healthy dialogue with the attendees and provided his and Mr. Henderson's contact information if they had more questions. He directed the attendees to stop by OCAP's Butler County Office, during regular business hours (8:00a – 4:30p) to view the full cleanup proposal.

Mr. Scott and Mr. Henderson collectively thanked the attendees, again, for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 7:30PM.

Community Questions & Concerns

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1. Will the cleanup affect the neighboring community?
No. The ABCA outlines the specific perimeters that will be taken to ensure the contaminated soil is contained. Ensuring safe and hazard-free environments is at the core of OCAP's operations.
2. Since the risk factor is low and no residents have been harmed, is the cleanup necessary?
Yes. OCAP has to remediate the identified environmental concern regardless of risk factor.
3. When will tenants have to relocate, when will they be notified?
The grant award recipients will be notified in April of 2025 with the anticipated timeline to begin in October 2025. If awarded, OCAP will begin the relocation process in the June/July 2025 to limit the interference with the start of local school.
4. Will current tenants have first choice to move back in?
Yes. Current tenants will have the option to move back into the apartment complex after the completion of the project.
5. Will the property be renovated during this time?
No. This project is strictly focused on the soil remediation.
6. Will there be another or additional community meetings?
Yes. OCAP will host additional community meetings. If the grant application is awarded, OCAP will host a meeting in April to detail the next steps of the project.