

Response to Vision and Principles



Fermilab Community Task Force
On Public Participation

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Draft vision, principles

- Clearly responds to Task Force charge. (It's just what we hoped for.)
- In a very short time, Task Force achieved remarkable understanding of how Fermilab works.
- Initial work of small groups should be excellent basis for discussion by entire Task Force.



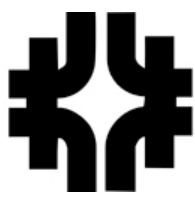
Issues: DOE, URA

- Draft so far gives little mention to DOE or URA.
- For meaningful change to occur, both will need to be consulted, involved, recruited. (Not just Fermilab management.)
- Encourage committee to consider including DOE (Office of Science and Area Office), URA.



Two main issues

- To convert Task Force recommendations into Fermilab policy, I see two main issues.
 - Additional resources for community relations, liaison, dedicated public participation person.
 - Culture change to make public participation intrinsic to projects, programs, as safety and environment are currently.



More resources

- At least one new FTE (in Office of Public Affairs?) dedicated to community
- Contract services of pp experts
- Web sites, publications, meetings, other communication media...
- In principle no problem, but where will the resources come from? Will take thought and work to identify sources.



Culture change (Harder!)

- Incorporate public participation into projects and programs.
- Must happen for meaningful, lasting public participation at FNAL
- How? Will take careful thought, analysis and strategic planning
- Collaborate with DOE, project managers, URA, laboratory management AND reps of Task Force



Culture change (cont.)

- Here's where the rubber meets the road and we see if Fermilab is really serious about making public participation a way of life.
- Input from Herman, Roger, Sally will be invaluable.
- Consider consulting project managers from FNAL, DOE for their feedback.



Culture change (cont.)

- Incorporating pp may be easier in ILC than in more “standard” projects, programs.
- New project, new way of doing business
- Already happening.
- More standard projects may offer more resistance.
- Will be essential to bring new Fermilab director into public participation process ASAP.



The key: Better decisions

Decisions made with public participation will be better decisions not just for the community but for Fermilab and for particle physics.

This is the underlying message for Fermilab management, DOE and URA, in order to translate recommendations into policy and reality. PP is key to Fermilab's future.



Additional notes...

Summary of a discussion
with Fermilab Director
Michael Withereil

Informal feedback on CTF
draft recommendations

Overview of policy process
at Fermilab to incorporate
CTF suggestions



Feedback (unofficial)



Direct public contact with projects

Need to define context; e.g., CKM has no impact beyond footprint of lab itself

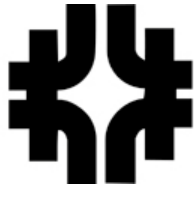
Central clearing house for public information

Settle on suitable mechanism, e.g. Website devoted to community issues

Standing body: further discussions

Membership rotation important; contact with larger community benefits lab

Discuss with FNAL members of CTF before specific, official response



Developing policy

Steps in developing policy:

- Develop written lab policy on Community Relations
- Assemble group at lab to consider CTF recommendations, study impacts, benefits
- Group determines lab's goals for policy
- Interaction with DOE
- Group reports to M. Withereff for his acceptance and sign-off



Almost there...



- No obvious show-stoppers
- Lab management firmly committed
- Impressive progress
- And we have pictures to prove it!