

## **Fermilab Community Advisory Board March 24, 2022 meeting**

Members attending: Larry Brenner, Carrie Garstecki, Leah Goodman, Ellen Huxtable, Ewa Jodlowska, Dean Kilburg, Britta McKenna, Crystal Porter, Arnolfo Santoro, John Watts

Guests: Batavia Mayor Jeff Schielke, Warrenville Mayor David Brummel, West Chicago Mayor Ruben Pineda

Fermilab/DOE personnel attending: Whitney Begner, Jacquie Bucher, Sandra Charles, Amber Kenney, Tracy Marc, Nigel Lockyer, Joe Lykken, Alison Markovitz, Kim Mazur, Martha Michels Joe Rogers, Roger Snyder, Becky Thompson

### **Welcome and Introductions**

*Rebecca Thompson*

Nigel Lockyer voiced a special welcome to the local mayors for taking the time to attend the meeting. This is Nigel's last CAB meeting as Fermilab Director and thanked the group for the years of support they have provided to make a huge positive impact. He shared that every lab director worries about their relationship with the community and this relationship has been fantastic, we want to continue our growth of impact on the local community as time goes on. During Nigel's time the lab programs have grown tremendously, the Governor, Senators and congress people have been great support and our lab is in a great position. Our staff is excited about the area, and we are anxious to get the public back so you can participate in the things we offer, and we are looking forward.

Nigel introduced Roger Snyder, the new Fermilab Site Office Manager and thanked him for pushing to reopen the lab to the public.

### **Introduction of new Fermilab Site Office Manager**

*Roger Snyder*

Roger shared that he was at Fermilab when COVID began so only fair he is back as we emerge from it.

Roger grew up in Illinois, earned his engineering degree at the University of Illinois followed by other degrees. He has been with the DOE 32 years at 13 different sites and volunteered for the Fermilab assignment.

### **News from the Lab**

*Tracy Marc*

Presentation and links to communication highlights are linked in the agenda.

## **Overview of Fermilab**

*Joseph Lykken*

Presentation is linked in the agenda.

Q – Are there any plans for the grand opening in the fall of the IERC?

A – There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony and we are very excited about a plan to name it after one of our physicists. Lauren Underwood and Senator Durbin are working on that.

## **Discuss reopening the site to the public**

*Alison Markovitz*

We have been working through covid and new site security requirements and looking forward to having you on site. The lab's reopening will be Monday, March 28.

There are new hours and new access requirements which are outlined on our website.

Virtual offerings will continue, and the spring Arts & Lecture Series will be virtual.

We are incredibly excited to have the public back starting on Monday.

## **Discussion with local Mayors (Rebecca Thompson)**

Mayor of West Chicago, Warrenville and Batavia

Q – For the mayors, what about the relationship between Fermilab and your community was the most successful and what did you value the most?

Mayor Pineda

- Glad I got to meet Nigel
- Like to see if we could get more information for our kids at every level so they can see that this is nearby and might be something they want to do in their future.
- I had the pleasure of sitting on the group that was discussing the linear collider for almost two years and I learned more about science than I ever thought I would.
- I brought Fermilab up at a city council meeting and by the time I got off Zoom three alderman expressed interest in becoming involved with the lab in some way.
- Educare starts teaching our children at six weeks old – nursery – 5 years prep for kindergarten so instead of being behind you are ahead. I fought long and hard for it to be here – 11th program in this country and only suburban program.
- Getting students on Fermilab property would be amazing.

### Mayor Brummel

- What we most appreciated from Warrenville, has been the relentless efforts to be a good community member, Fermilab has gone over and above any institution to make sure you are a positive influence and strong connection, local communities always got noticed, kept informed, very very good neighbor
- The open spaces and stewardship of those areas are very important to our citizens and appreciated
- I will miss Nigel, if anyone thinks scientists are dull, they have to meet Nigel because he has a refreshing sense of humor that you never know what it is coming.
- Fermilab is very open to the community, and I hope you are here forever and leave a legacy.
- We appreciate that you are good neighbors to your neighbors and are happy to be next door.

### Mayor Schielke

- I am honored you asked me to comment
- I lived the whole experience, I was a senior in high school the day the lab was announced, a newspaper reporter when the state was acquiring the land, the early groundskeeping and all that has happened
- Fermilab is the best blessing, there is a high quality of individual who works at lab today and last fifty years, outstanding people, beyond the science, the outreach, the lab people who live in my town contribute – they serve on the school board, city council, and we have been supported time and time again by what I call Fermi Faces that have helped pass referendums for schools and fire stations, etc.
- I have been mayor for 41 years and was here for talks of building the Superconducting Super Collider in the US. We had groups coming to Batavia and find out what potential dangers there may be in hosting a collider. I told them there were no potential dangers, only positive outcomes. There was no dirt other than the dirt in the ground.
- Fermilab does peaceful research and massive good for the world
- I have been mayor for the years it evolved. I am hoping I have been as supportive of Fermilab as you have been of me. We are all very pleased to have you as our neighbor.

### Mayor Pineda

- West Chicago realized it needed downtown redevelopment and came up with incentive program, within six months Suncoast, Norex, Cisco Foods, and Amazon were in the area
- Fermilab being local is a very positive thing,
- West Chicago care about the health of its residents. I started Healthy West Chicago – which works with national forum out of Washington DC. Every September there is a Move with the Mayor program. Fermilab's commitment to outdoor areas is great.
- People who have moved here say West Chicago has changed for the better, we have people moving from Hinsdale, Wheaton, etc. They wish they knew about West Chicago sooner.
- As mayor, I want to leave the city better than when I came.

#### Mayor Brummel

- We are appreciative of Fermilab being such a good neighbor in a number of ways
- The lab's employees have a positive economic impact on Warrenville.
- The lab's cultural diversity is very valuable to the town.
- Warrenville started the IDEC commission to intentionally make sure everyone feels welcome and safe
- Scientists from around the enrich our culture.
- Warrenville loves the open space of the lab.
- Without the lab, this whole area would have been developed in ways that would not have bene as valuable.
- A lot of activities – our citizens are part of
- Point of pride obviously that we have you here, you are known throughout the world for quality and innovativeness –
- There is no downside to having the lab in our community. Fermi has been the best and makes an effort to be a good neighbor. I hope or relationship continues forever.
- I have fond memories of what Nigel accomplished. You have certainly left Fermi better than you found it. What you are leaving behind is a wonderful asset to local community

#### Mayor Schielke

- Fermilab employees have led to economic development in Batavia. They have brought the Farmers Market, Boardwalk Shops, and led to the reclamation of vacant store fronts, small restaurants, etc. Now we have a list of 40 excellent restaurants. Visiting scientists from foreign countries are coming into Fermi and apparently, they get hungry and drive the establishment of a wide variety of food choices.
- The lab is great economic driver thanks to the visiting scientists and staff in general
- You are making our numbers look good. 3 more restaurants are poised to come into Batavia shortly.
- I'm sure Fermi will win another Noble prize.
- Fermilab was the best investment the US government. We are proud to have you.

#### Mayor Brummel

- As a "farm family," the Brummels always appreciated the farm family picnic. It shows respect for the local history.

#### Nigel

- I do live at Fermilab which is the only lab where director lives on site. I vote at the high school in Batavia. The house doesn't have address which is always a problem when voting. I was asked 'where do you live again, are you part of the janitorial staff' and I said 'yeah sort of'

#### **What the lab should know (All)**

#### Comments:

- Thank you for inviting the mayors. It is great for the community.
- We are so excited I have been able to be a part of this –I am grateful for this opportunity.

- I am impressed that over the years you reinvented what you do. You are doing research vital to the world.
- The lab is point of pride for our community.
- I have no questions, just compliments

Q - How many people will the new accelerator employ and how many visitors might it bring in?

A - good question and we will start a conversation inside the house on that topic

Q – What about globalization?

A - There is a conscience effort to globalize Fermilab. Fermilab's work is driven by roadmap laid out in the P5 report which said that particle physics need to be global to be competitive. Fermilab made a big effort to be the center of the planet for neutrino research

Q – Is Fermilab going to take advantage of the festival season and get in front of the public.

A - We are looking at what events we can do and what we can be a part of.

Q – Has the war impacted Fermilab?

A - yes, we have Ukranian scientists that have brought their families here. Lauren Underwood was critical in getting visas. Ukraine is part of our neutrino program. It is a very sad situation impacting everybody not just us

Thank you to the mayors for attending tonight and sharing their insights.

Mayor Pineda

- There are 6 artists from Mexico living in our community now creating art for Cantigny's Alebrijes Creatures of a Dream World exhibit
- 45 large and small pieces on display at Cantigny this summer
- I would love to see these pieces on the bike paths at Fermilab in the future
- Thank you for keeping the connection strong between the communities and institution