

Fermilab Community Advisory Board

May 23, 2024 meeting

Members attending: Larry Brenner, Kathryn Davolos, Carrie Garstecki, Gabby Hernandez, Tony Inglese, Britta McKenna, Crystal Porter

Fermilab/DOE personnel attending: Julie Garnache, Douglas Glenzinski, Christopher Greer, Natalie Johnson, Morgan Lantz, Rae Moss, Nisarg Patel, Brian Sherin, Roger Snyder, Jeffrey Vollmer

Welcome and Introductions

Natalie Johnson

News from the Lab

Natalie Johnson

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

- Construction this summer on Kirk Road and Pine Street for new Welcome and Access Center.
- Phase I - water will be temporarily disrupted to residents on Pine Street (from Woodland Hills Road to Kirk Road)
- Traffic and access restrictions will impact residents and businesses.
- Information will be sent in advance to those impacted.

CAB update

Natalie Johnson

Discussion about taking CAB meetings outside the lab was well received.

- Post meeting info on social media (Bolingbrook and Naperville)
- People (public) should RSVP to attend meeting. Otherwise, it may be difficult to anticipate attendance numbers and make sure to have ample meeting space.
- Give enough advance notice for meeting to be advertised (in Warrenville, the library newsletter goes out only quarterly with announcements)
- Attendees supported the idea of getting more communities involved and reaching a larger audience.
- Britta McKenna offered to host pilot offsite CAB meeting at Batavia City Hall, televised by Batavia TV.

Other comments relating to the CAB Meetings:

- Consider revisiting meeting start time - commute from work is issue if start time changed to earlier than 6:30 p.m.
- A member of the CAB encountered an issue during winter when leaving the site after nightfall (they leave by East gate, and there were insufficient street lights). GPS was not helpful in navigating, as not all Fermi buildings show up on google maps, and they became lost trying to exit the site.
- CAB meeting cadence should be reconsidered; a suggestion was made to move to quarterly. If someone misses one CAB meeting, given the quarterly cadence, it may be a significantly long time until they are back in the loop again. Is bi-monthly still sufficient?
- The CAB would like to go back to visiting other buildings onsite at Fermi, as was done in the past (before COVID).

Tritium Update

Christopher Greer

Presentation linked in agenda

- New Tritium Management Dept (2023) and Tritium Task Force
- Levels were, and continue to be, well below already conservatively protective regulatory limits.
- Discharge of tritiated water is going down despite higher beam use due to newer measures to exclude water from accelerator area so it cannot become tritiated.

Site Access Updates

Doug Glenzinski and Brian Sherin.

Presentation linked in agenda.

- 20.2K requests in 12 months, 6.5 public visitors in 2023
- Public tours are available
- Wilson Hall opened to public (ground, 1st and 2nd floors), Aspen East (current Welcome and Access Center)
- Future – Fermilab Welcome and Access Center at Kirk and Pine in 2025
- Kathy said the process seems smoother and sees value to the work being done.

What Fermilab Should Know

- Idea to have a QR code at the gate which would allow visitors to download a site map. Have QR codes at buildings since many people don't know what the acronyms mean.
- IMSA has a new AI space and program, developed by Britta McKenna.