

BCTT Neighborhood Tour: Member (& Public) Questions

This document includes all the questions BCTT Workgroup members and the public sent in from the Neighborhood Tour, October 1st, 2022.

The questions have been roughly grouped into four sections: Community Resources, Disaster Preparedness, Landfill Input & Management, and Safety & the Environment. Within each section, the questions are presented in alphabetical order based on the first letter of the first word in each question.

Community Resources:

1. Can Republic Services show that they have fairly compensated landowners for property purchased next to quarry?
2. Has Republic Services ever donated to the volunteer fire fighters for Adair Village or any other?

Disaster Preparedness:

1. Given the increasing forecast of earthquake magnitude, how would a 9.0 magnitude earthquake (same as the design criteria for the recent CPU) impact the existing landfill?
2. Is there a robust Emergency Management Plan that addresses the needed responses of RSI and County resources? Are personnel appropriately aware and trained for situations that arise with landfills? Is there a consensus among RSI and first responders on how to fight a landfill fire? Are responsibilities clearly identified? Is the effort adequately funded?
3. The Bit-by-Bit facility said there has been no forest plan for forest fire prevention on landfill land bordering her property. Can republic services speak to their wildfire prevention plan?

Landfill Input & Management:

1. Bit by Bit facility said there has been banging in the forest next to their facility at 8pm at night. Can Republic Services address what that may be?
2. Did one of the Benton County Commissioners tell Nancy that in fact the County can negotiate with the Landfill to only accept trash from certain places?
3. How is it decided how high the landfill can be build? When do you stop adding garbage?

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4. I am in SWAC but still want clarification on ownership of Coffin Butte Landfill. Who owns the landfill and the PRC? Both Republic? Either the county?
5. It was said that the fuel spilled on 99 by the dump was taken to the landfill. Can we talk about how that soil was managed and if it was by DEQ standards?
6. The front facing cells seem to be "closed". Can we confirm? When will they be covered with soil and planted over?
7. There was a claim that the county was to terrace the landfill and now it appears that the cells that have been covered are in fact not terraced. Can we have Republic Services address that?
8. There was a claim that the Quarries created by the government during Camp Adair's time were filled with waste. Can we confirm this?
9. There was the assertion that Wha Chang has used the landfill in the past or present and that Magnesium and other metals were dumped there. Can the landfill confirm? If so, can they tell us who regulates how they handle those kinds of materials? Were those rules followed? There were expressed fears of an exothermic reaction underground. Can Republic address?

Safety & the Environment:

1. How far from the landfill has groundwater contamination been found? How has the groundwater contamination plume been contained? Prevented from reaching surface waters?
2. Risk assessments for the Landfill (human health, transportation spills, fire, etc.) should consider including schools being potentially impacted by air borne releases from landfill fires (approx. 2 miles away) or transportation accidents (99W about 1400 ft away).
3. The road were not built to handle "this kind of traffic". "The road was not built for this kind of traffic." Can the roads department address that please? We were sitting on the corner of Camp Adair and Independence.

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4. The statement that Garbage trucks are the most dangerous truck on the road. I would like to request data to show what the most dangerous trucks on the road are.
5. There is a concern as laid out in many articles about air quality and those living close to landfills. There are also concerns about ground water contamination. What has the county decided is a safe distance for residents to be living and their wells in relation to the landfill. I would request that we recommend that the county determine that distance. There is evidence to suggest that air quality is a concern for allergies and cancer. Has the county looked into these claims as a way to make its decision?