

MCGC Neighbors' Notes to Provide Context: *The email below was written by one of our members after reading the minutes for the March 18, 2015 meeting of the Planning, Economic Development and Redevelopment (PEDR) committee, since renamed to the Planning and Economic Development (PED) committee. This email was sent to all the City Council Members and three members of the Planning Department. MCGC Neighbors was given permission by the author to publish this email.*

I would like to address the notes and the draft ordinance concerning the Oil & Gas Committee that can be found beginning on Page 20 of the attached [PEDR packet](#) for the March 18, 2015 PEDR meeting. Having attended the special Oil & Gas Committee meeting on February 11, I was a little surprised to see that some of the information the Oil & Gas Committee viewed as very important did not find its way into the notes, the draft ordinance, or the bylaws for the PEDR packet.

Since I don't know all the City processes that go into creating the packets, and since I was unable to attend the March 18 PEDR meeting, I will assume that City Council members were given complete information about all the topics that were discussed during the Oil & Gas Committee meeting and not just the abbreviated information that was contained in the PEDR packet.

I don't, however, make the same assumption about the general public. I assume that any of the general public who read the PEDR packets would think that the information included in the packet notes was all inclusive and was used as the foundation for the draft ordinance and bylaws. This means the general public would have no way of knowing that the following items were deemed very important by the current Oil & Gas Committee.

The Makeup of the Committee. The attendees thought the Committee should include: a civil engineer; an engineer knowledgeable about O&G but not in the industry; a homeowner from an affected development; a homeowner from an affected rural area; and a representative of the Home Builders Association.

Most of this discussion was heavily oriented toward the appointment of a homeowner from an affected rural area and a homeowner from an affected development. But, Sec. 106-163 (a) of the draft ordinance currently states: "Three citizens. These citizen members shall be citizens of Aurora and shall be appointed by City Council".

I am concerned that the intent of the committee may fall by the wayside, unless it is articulated in all notes, minutes, and draft ordinances.

Incidents at Well Sites. The attendees wanted the COGCC to present at each meeting incidents that have occurred at well sites and the disposition of the incidents, and the COGCC representative agreed by phone to present this information. This wasn't mentioned in the notes or the draft ordinance, so I am again concerned that the intent of the committee may fall by the wayside.

Since the draft ordinance and bylaws may or may not be returned to the Oil & Gas Committee for review, I think the notes should be all inclusive, so the committee members and the public will have as much information as possible.

Thank you.