

**Oil & Gas Committee Special Meeting – February 11, 2015**

***NOTE: The following are notes and recollections from an attendee at the meeting. They are NOT formal or approved minutes from the Oil & Gas Committee.***

City Staff updated that the Box Elder well permit was approved after the ordinance amendment in December, so it was approved without any waivers.

ConocoPhillips will continue to work on entitlements, but they don't anticipate any new wells in Aurora this year, and they have released their rigs, which they were leasing.

There was much discussion about: the role of the Committee; who would be able to vote; what issues could be voted on; what types of recommendations could be made; what is the role of City Staff versus the other members; terms of office; term limits; etc. City Staff proposed that each of the following will be represented by one official member:

Aurora Planning & Development Services Department  
Aurora Water Department  
Aurora Public Works Department  
ConocoPhillips  
Carrizo Oil & Gas  
Citizen Representative appointed by City Council  
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Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC)  
Colorado Oil and Gas Association (COGA)  
Planning Commission Representative  
Surface Owner Representative

NOTE: Any new oil and gas company operating within the City of Aurora will receive a representative on the committee, and all impacted surface owners have the right to be a committee member.

There were many suggestions about the makeup of the committee: a civil engineer; an engineer knowledgeable about O&G but not in the industry; a homeowner from an affected rural area; a homeowner from an affected development; a representative of the Home Builders Association; etc.

It was decided to keep an agenda item for Public Comment. The public will also be encouraged to provide written comments, especially on lengthy or specialized topics and submit them in advance, so that the committee has time to do some research and respond during the meeting.

Since the Committee is supposed to provide education, speakers will be provided. All are encouraged to suggest topics, and speakers should be scheduled and advertised in advance, so that the public who are interested in a certain topic will know when to attend.

A resident asked that the COGCC present at each meeting incidents that have occurred at well sites and the disposition of the incidents.

City Staff will take all the recommendations and present them to the Planning, Economic Development and Redevelopment (PEDR) committee in March.