

Community Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2003

Sewer Maintenance Training

Committee Members Present: Gary Anderson (Citizen-at-Large), Ken Dobson (University of Toledo), Matt Horvat (TMACOG, by telephone), Tom Roth (for Mike Cassidy, Ottawa River Kleen Up Association Inc.), Sister Barbara Stallman (for Cindy Drill, Clear Water Inc.), Charles Taylor (Citizen-at-Large), Stephen Thomas (Local 500), and Willie Williams (Citizen-at-Large)

Other Attendees: Jay Black, Jr., City of Toledo Chief Operating Officer), Richard Brown (City of Toledo Auditor's Office), Marci Cannon (City of Toledo Affirmative Action/Contract Compliance), Pete Gerken (Councilman-at-Large), Jim Hamilton (Mannik & Smith Group Inc.), Dave Kielmeyer (Funk Luetke Skunda Marketing Inc.), Dean Niese (Mannik & Smith Group Inc.), Jan Skunda (Funk Luetke Skunda Marketing Inc.), Robert Stevenson (City of Toledo Director, Public Utilities) and Robert R. Williams (Director, Toledo Waterways Initiative).

Introductions: Jay Black, Jr. welcomed attendees and stressed that the Toledo Waterways Initiative is a large undertaking for the City of Toledo which will benefit all citizens and add value to the community.

Robert R. Williams introduced city employees who were present; Mr. Williams also introduced Mike Domenica, Dean Niese and Jim Hamilton.

Mike Domenica introduced Jan Skunda and Dave Kielmeyer and also mentioned that there will be 14 additional subconsultants working on this project.

Robert R. Williams informed the group that there is also an Oversight Committee which was put together by Toledo City Council.

“Welcome Toledo Waterways Initiative, Improving our Sewer System,” an overview of the Project, was presented by Robert R. Williams.

Robert R. Williams discussed the fact that Councilman Pete Gerken is the Chairman of the Environment, Utilities and Public Service Committee and has worked with the Oversight Committee. Councilman Gerken explained that this is a challenging time for the City of Toledo, i.e. school levies, property tax increases, etc; and that water/sewer bills will increase substantially. Councilman Gerken also stressed the need for a commitment from the group of attendees.

Questions and Answers: Tom Roth asked a question regarding the location of the equalization basin. Robert R. Williams and Mike Domenica responded that the best available location would be on the Senior Citizens' Golf Course. This location has a dramatic effect on the costs of the Project.

Sister Barbara Stallman asked whether there should be separate sanitary and rain sewers. The response was yes, in some areas, they were feasible. At one time it was discussed that the separation of all combined sewers in the system would be in excess of \$1 billion. This proposal uses the existing system to its maximum capacity and separates where feasible.

Ken Dobson questioned whether a site had been chosen for the equalization basin. At this time there are two possible locations – Harris Marina and the Senior Citizens Golf Course, which is city-owned property and would be a much better choice economically. Robert Stevenson stated that many studies are being done to create a hydraulic model of the system. Based on these studies, recommendations will be made on wet weather flow treatment.

Tom Roth questioned hiring minority owned businesses and businesses owned by women. Ken Dobson responded that there are no preferences and no quotas. Everyone has the same opportunity and it is not more costly to hire minorities and women. Marci Cannon responded regarding public contracting. Pete Gerken also responded that keeping work local is good for local business.

Willie Williams asked whether a timetable has been set. Robert Williams responded that, yes, work plans have been submitted and there are specific deadlines from the EPA.

Tom Roth asked a question regarding backup diesel generators. Robert Stevenson responded that these generators are 1950 vintage, parts are unavailable and they are inefficient. He also added that more blowers are needed – there are now 3 blowers and no backup.

Sister Barbara Stallman asked a question concerning recycling sludge to gas. Robert Stevenson answered that recycling of the sludge is done to make cover and topsoil. He also explained that N-Viro recycles the sludge.

Gary Anderson asked if the Senior Citizens Golf Course is used, how would this affect the landscape of the area. Robert R. Williams responded that meetings have taken place with some of the Golf Course officials and they have been very cooperative. Staff will meet with Golf Course representatives to give suggestions as to how the landscaping will look in the future. Also, a Point Place subcommittee will be formed.

Steven Thomas asked when construction would begin. Robert R. Williams responded that a schedule will be handed out at the next meeting.

Ken Dobson asked if Green Power will be the primary source. Robert Stevenson responded that Green Power will be the primary source once the co-generation project is complete. The Consent Decree, however, only requires power back up, not co-generation. The co-generation should stand on its own.

Robert R. Williams asked members what day and time would work best for the next meeting. A tentative date of April 2, 2003 at 1:30 p.m. was agreed upon at the same location (Sewer Maintenance training room).

Robert R. Williams introduced Nancy Wheatley, attorney for the Oversight Committee, to the group.