

Community Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2003
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Community Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 5, 2003, 1:30 p.m.
Bayview Treatment Plant

Committee Members Present: Gary Anderson (Citizen-at-Large), Rev. Al Baumann (Metro Toledo Churches United), Bill Brennan (Construction Contractors Council), Mike Cassidy (Ottawa River Kleen Up Association, Inc.), Ken Dobson (University of Toledo), Matt Horvat (TMACOG), Jean Overton (Citizen-at-Large), Margy Poorman (Regional Growth Partnership), Tom Roth (Ottawa River Kleen Up Association, Inc.) and Sister Barbara Stallman for Cindy Drill (Clear Water Inc.).

Committee Members Not In Attendance: Robert Alexander (YMCA), Karen Ashford (Black Chamber of Commerce), Debbie Horvath (Maumee River Yacht Club), James Mettler (Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority), Charles Taylor (Citizen-at-Large), Steven Thomas (Local 500) and Willie Williams (Citizen-at-Large).

Other Attendees: Richard Brown (City of Toledo Auditor's Office), Amber Edds (Funk Luetke Skunda Marketing Inc.), Jimmy L. Gaines (City of Toledo Commissioner, Treatment Services), Dave Kielmeyer (Funk Luetke Skunda Marketing Inc.), Tom Lyon (Black & Veatch Corp.), Dean Niese (Mannik & Smith Group Inc.), Jan Skunda (Funk Luetke Skunda Marketing Inc.), Elizabeth Wick (Ohio EPA) and Robert R. Williams (Director, Toledo Waterways Initiative)

Bayview Treatment Plant Attendees: Reynold Gerson, Gary Humberger, Chris McGibbeny and Chris Middlebrough (Manager, Water Reclamation).

Robert R. Williams welcomed attendees and informed the group that a still photographer and a video photographer from the Department of Public Utilities would be present and the photographs will be placed on the City of Toledo (Toledo Waterways Initiative) website.

A PowerPoint presentation concerning the workings of the Water Treatment Plant was presented by Tom Lyon.

Rev. Al Baumann questioned why disinfection is performed only in the warmer months. Robert R. Williams explained the reason for this is that EPA standards are seasonal, based on reduced use of the River in winter. It was also noted that all chemicals coming from homes and businesses flow into the waste water which eventually ends up in the Maumee River.

Bill Brennan asked when, under the consent decree, will out fall be allowed and the question was asked if this will eliminate CSOs and SSOs on the River. Robert R. Williams responded that this will be significantly reduced over the next 15 years, but not right away. The

concentration at this time is mainly on the Treatment Plant and Point Place; water is diluted by rainwater in CSOs and SSOs.

Mike Cassidy asked, when this goes through a residential area, will citizens be warned. Robert R. Williams explained that a plan is being considered by the USEPA and the Ohio EPA. There are postings at this time at the Ottawa River and Swan Creek warning against eating fish and swimming. Under the plan, the public would be notified.

Mike Cassidy asked how often 400 million gallons per day is exceeded. Tom Lyon responded that this had occurred twice in ten years and this situation is very rare.

Jan Skunda questioned, due to recent storms, how many gallons were measured in the last two days. Chris Middlebrough responded 160 million gallons per day was reached.

At this point, attendees broke up into groups and toured the Bayview Treatment Plant.

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