

Community Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2004

Sewer Maintenance Training Room

Committee Members Present: Gary Anderson (Citizen-at-Large), Rev. Al Baumann (Toledo Area Council of Churches), Ken Dobson (University of Toledo), Jacquelyn Greer for Steven Thomas (Local 500), Margy Poorman (Regional Growth Partnership), Tom Roth for Mike Cassidy (Ottawa River Kleen Up Association Inc.), Sister Barbara Stallman (Clear Water Inc.) and Charles Taylor (Citizen-at-Large)

Other Attendees: Jim Hamilton (Mannik & Smith Group Inc.), Carol Hufnagel (Tetra Tech), Dave Kielemeyer (Funk Luetke Skunda Marketing Inc.), Tyrone Riley (City of Toledo Department of Affirmative Action), Michele Sijan (Department of Public Utilities Administration), Elizabeth Wick (Ohio EPA) and Robert R. Williams (Director, Toledo Waterways Initiative)

Update by Robert R. Williams

- Plans to fill in mooring basin were changed, moved to front of Plant
- Plans to use Harrison Marina were changed, moved to Bayview Retiree Golf Course
- Mitigate wetlands disruption

Every acre we disrupt we must replace with two acres of wetlands

- Looking for wetlands in Lucas County

Toledo Metroparks purchasing land near Eber and Angola Roads – we may contribute money
Side Cut Park – parking lot near the river is being turned back into a wetland – may count toward shore mitigation

Approval must go through the Mayor and City Council

We are lucky to find land in Lucas County

- 1/26/04 – Group traveling to Columbus requesting grant money

For ballasted flocculation facility

Demonstration grant

- Press conference on Wednesday, 1/14/04 at 2:30 p.m.

Marcy Kaptur's group

City receiving \$1.5 million for improvements to Waste Water Treatment Plant

Received \$1.5 million in 2003

When we receive money from the Government, it helps our costs – this money is not figured into our budget

- 2004 will be a big year for this project – projects and ballpark costs

Point Place Phase 2B - \$8 million

Back Up Power and Blowers - \$16.3 million

Final Clarifier #13 - \$6.7 million

River Road Sewer Replacement \$7.3 million

Wet Weather Facility – \$52.1 million

Equalization Basin - \$45 million

Power Point Presentation by Carol Hufnagel

Flow Characterization

Hydraulic Sewer Model
Water Quality Study
Water Quality Model

Questions/Answers/Comments

Rev. Al Baumann

· Regional problem?

Yes

· Are we trying to meet regulations or make River clean?

Improve River

Ken Dobson

· Sources of bacteria varying

Non human sources (animal waste)

Septic systems improperly working

· Depletion of dissolved oxygen - negatively effects fish?

Yes, some need higher amounts of dissolved oxygen

· Hydraulic Sewer Model?

Computer model

· What will USEPA do with reports from us? Are we waiting for their response?

We submit studies

No approval

USEPA and OEPA will review Long Term Control Plan

· Remediation resources built into budget?

Yes

Tom Roth

· Does rainwater have higher content of oxygen?

Yes

· 5/30 – 6/19 – September rain not included in Calibration to 2003 Metering Data chart – we need to know data regarding larger rainfalls

Model held up well on East Side Water Quality Model

· Toledo problem caused by residents further up the River

Will EPA correct problems up the River or expect us to make it right?

· Septic tanks and farms - are regulations being enforced in agricultural areas?

Trying to educate agricultural areas

Maumee RAP offers incentives

Elizabeth Wick

· Dissolved oxygen effects fish and bugs

· Smaller cities – easier to clean up EPA issues

Robert R. Williams

· Proposals made from studies

Find a combination of storage and treatment that works

- Reports sent to the USEPA
- Flow Characterization Study
Water Quality Study
Long Term Control Plan
- Water samples are taken from water exiting our Treatment Plant
 - A program has been submitted to USEPA to decrease the amount of industrial waste so as not to put as much into the system
 - EPA will address more agricultural issues as time goes on
 - We are limiting our focus to Toledo – other concerns looking at upstream area
 - Responsible Bidder legislation passed 12/23/03
- 5% deducted from bid if company bidding has office within the City
4% deducted from bid if company bidding has office within Lucas County
- Training session this week for City departments
Point Place Phase 2B awarded under new rules

Dave Kielmeyer

- If we eliminate CSOs, there may still be times when our water quality is not in line.
- We will not be forced to do more than our share of clean up

Gary Anderson

- Other cities under different timeline?
- Yes

Sister Barbara Stallman

- Metals contribute to the problem?
- Yes, but not a predominate cause
- Fertilizer run off going into water
- Bowling Green alerts citizens regarding nitrate levels

Next meeting Monday, February 23 at 12:00 noon. Location will be Bay View Water Reclamation Plant – changed from plans made at meeting.