

Community Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2004
Bayview Wastewater Treatment Plant

Committee Members Present: Robert Alexander (YMCA), Gary Anderson (Citizen-at-Large), Rev. Al Baumann (Toledo Area Council of Churches), Mike Cassidy (Ottawa River Kleen Up Association Inc.), Ken Dobson (University of Toledo), Richard Mitchell (Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick), Jean Overton (Citizen-at-Large), Margy Poorman (Regional Growth Partnership), Kelly Rivera for James Hartung (Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority), Tom Roth (Ottawa River Kleen Up Association Inc.) and Charles Taylor (Citizen-at-Large)

Other Attendees: Amber Edds (Funk Luetke Skunda Marketing Inc.), Jimmy Gaines (Commissioner, Treatment Services), Jim Hamilton (Mannik & Smith Group Inc.), Dave Kielmeyer (Funk Luetke Skunda Marketing Inc.), Arne Larson (SSOE), (Chris Middlebrough (Acting Manager, Water Reclamation), David Nitz (Black & Veatch), Michele Sijan (Department of Public Utilities Administration), Jan Skunda (Funk Luetke Skunda Marketing Inc.), Dan Walch (SSOE), Elizabeth Wick (Ohio EPA) and Robert R. Williams (Director, Toledo Waterways Initiative)

Update by Robert R. Williams

- Point Place Phase 2A currently under construction
- Took bids for Edgewater pump station
- Secondary Renovation at Water Reclamation 70% done
- Equalization Basin under design
- Ballasted Flocculation facility under design
- A lot will be bid out this year

Bidding out \$135 million construction work in 2004

- After plans are submitted to USEPA, plans must then be approved by them
- Equalization Basin

60 million gallon basin required under Consent Decree

Black & Veatch feels we can get by with a 25 million gallon basin

EPA approved 25 million gallon basin with other provisions

- Impossible – we cannot accomplish this

We once again asked the USEPA to approve the 25 million gallon basin

- Waiting for response from USEPA

Retention time – 24 - 48 hours, then drained out

First cell (8 MG) will be covered; other 3 cells uncovered

Water in EQ Basin will not be raw sewage

- Will already have gone through ballasted flocculation facility

First two cells will include an automatic flushing device

EQ Basin will be located on Retirees Golf Course

- Enhancements being done to Retirees Golf Course
 - Pursuing Port Authority to add land to Retirees Golf Course
 - Have met with Port Authority
 - Port Authority wants to meet with Retirees Golf Course people, not the City
- Originally planned for Harrison Marina

- Would have cost \$8-10 million more
- Displayed aerial photograph of Wastewater Treatment Plant

Update on design of Equalization Basin by Dan Walch

- Approximate size – 7 football fields
- Three options for facade

Fluted concrete

100% brick

Brick and concrete with “towers”

- Displayed design samples of each option
- Discussed mounding and landscaping
- When driving on Summit Street, you can now see most of the plant – after EQ Basin is constructed, you will not see plant (industrial tanks)
- Area between sidewalk to curb

Approximately 50 feet

- Displayed sample of EQ Basin with perimeter fence

Power Point Presentation by Robert R. Williams

Equalization Basin

Initial Design Concepts

Fence or No Fence

Questions/Answers/Comments

Mike Cassidy

- Fence on outside of EQ Basin?

We will discuss

- Why is a fence necessary?

Homeland Security – area must be secured

- When will Point Place pump station be completed?

By the end of 2004

Ken Dobson

- Cost consideration for EQ Basin?

Have budget to build any of the three options

Should be pleasing to residents who drive by each day

- Cost of engineering?

Usually 10% of project cost

Engineering costs continue on through completion of project

Jimmy Gaines

- Cost savings

No office, etc. included

- Graffiti

There is security outside Wastewater Treatment Plant at all times

Robert Alexander

- EQ Basin – which option is less likely to be defaced (graffiti, etc?)
- Can graffiti be removed from brick?

Graffiti would be easiest removed from plain concrete

- Option #2 could combine wrought iron fence with brick columns
- Ties two elements together

Arnie Larson

- EQ Basin - both surfaces can be treated for graffiti removal

Robert R. Williams

- EQ Basin

Combined surface less likely to be defaced

- Wastewater Treatment Plant employees would prefer a fence
- Grit Facility is also referred to as Headworks Facility
- Options #1, #2 and #3 will be presented to the Point Place Neighborhood Advisory Committee on Wednesday, February 25
- Will let Committee know what Point Place group decides
- Decision may be in Point Place Journal
- Will bring information regarding minority participation to next meeting
- 2005 will be heavily into construction
- Edgewater pump station is located in front yard of school

All major work will be done between the end of May and beginning of September when school is not in session

- At pre bid meeting, several contractors objected to timeline
- 12 hrs/day, 6 days/wk changed to 16 hrs/day 6 days/wk.
- Only ended up with two bidders
- Start up on projects depends on how long it takes the USEPA to review the plans and approve
- Two huge projects

If 60 million gallon EQ Basin - \$45million project

Ballasted Flocculation Facility – Over \$50 million project

- We also meet with Point Place Neighborhood Advisory Committee

We want most input on decisions from Point Place residents

- EQ Basin will face south, Summit Street and Retirees Golf Course
- Long Term Control Plan groups and meetings will be starting
- Community Advisory Committee for the River Road area is another group that is being assembled

- USEPA may let us build a 25 million gallon basin and then observe the results; they may not insist on the other 35 million gallon basin

Gary Anderson

- Option #1

As a Point Place resident, Option #1 is not acceptable

- Could brick columns on Option #2 be designed to look more decorative?
- When will we hear from the USEPA regarding 25 million gallon basin vs. 60 million gallon

basin?

Approximately 2 – 3 weeks

Then we will call Chicago and set up a meeting for possibly the last week in March

· If the 25 million gallon basin is built instead of the 60 million gallon basin, will we take as much space from the Golf Course?

No

Tom Roth

· What is the difference in price between Option #1 and #2?

Approximately \$200,000

· Dirt being taken out?

Looking at disposing of dirt with Parks Department

I 280 trench will have to be filled

· Digging will not begin until 2005

· Cost of removal of dirt?

Elizabeth Wick

· EPA may also insist on a fence

Rev. Al Baumann

· Why is Option #2 being pushed?

· What about Option #3?

If Option #3 is requested, we will do it

· What type of statement are we making?

· Brick looks softer

Point Place residents will make the final decision

· Would like to look at a sample with all brick and a fence

· Has there been a public meeting held for residents in housing along Summit Street?

No, but this should be done

LMHA could help to invite residents

Jan Skunda

· What is the white edge along the top of brick?

Concrete

David Nitz

· Evaluating use of soil

Possibly Landfill, Jamie Farr Park or Retirees Golf Course

Richard Mitchell

· Quotas regarding minority participation?

There have been extensive discussions on this issue

Responsible Bidders Legislation passed

Minority participation is closely tracked

Black & Veatch 10% minimum minority participation required

· Running 4.2% over minimum

Affirmative Action tries to get better percentages
Require companies certified through the City process
“Breakout” small contracts assigned to large construction companies

Dave Kielmeyer

- Anyone who would like to participate in River Road group is welcome

Charles Taylor

- What is going on with the Retirees Golf Course?

The Committee members agreed to next meet on Monday, April 19, 2004 at noon. The location of this meeting will be the Sewer Maintenance training room, 4032 Creekside.