

Community Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2005
Creekside

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Monday, July 11, 2005, 12:00 p.m.
Sewer Maintenance Training Room

Committee Members Present: Gary Anderson (Citizen-at-Large), Larry Clark (Toledo Area Ministries), Matt Horvat (TMACOG), Tom Roth (Ottawa River Kleen Up Association Inc.), Lee Springer (Regional Growth Partnership), Sister Barbara Stallman (Clear Water Inc.) and Charles Taylor (Citizen-at-Large)

Other Attendees: Michael Ashford (Toledo City Councilman), Jim Hamilton (The Mannik & Smith Group Inc.), Dave Kielmeyer (Funk Luetke Skunda Marketing Inc.), Michele Sijan (Department of Public Utilities Administration), Jan Skunda (Funk Luetke Skunda Marketing Inc.), Amber Stark (Funk Luetke Skunda Marketing Inc.) and Robert R. Williams (Director, Toledo Waterways Initiative)

Today's Meeting by Robert R. Williams

- Program Update
- Ø Point Place
- Ø River Road
- Ø Bay View Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Ø River Road
- LTCP Update and Options
- Sewer Rates
- Next Meeting

Program Update by Robert R. Williams

- Consent Decree
- Ø \$145 million to date
- Ø Total program estimate \$450 million
- Point Place
- Ø Ottawa River Road complete
- Ø 290th Street pump station complete
- Press conference in the next few weeks
- Ø Edgewater pump station 99% complete
- Ø Edgewater Drive
- Trouble in front of school
- Rough course of pavement
- Will bid out next phase – Edgewater to 149th Street
- River Road
- Ø Going well
- Ø 3 million gallon EQ Basin in Park – on schedule

- Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Ø Grit facility under way
- Ø Wet weather facility/Ballasted flocculation under way
- Ø Dirt sent to Marina District
- Contractor requested second shift for hauling
- Ø Employ 100 laborers per day
- Worker levels will increase, then level out
- Ø 16% MBE on project, 12.5% goal
- Long Term Control Plan
- Ø Still maintaining good relationship with Ohio and USEPA
- Ø Deadline for completion extended out by 30 days
- Ø Will travel to Chicago first week of August to meet with USEPA (Note: USEPA representatives met at the WWTP instead of Toledo team traveling to Chicago)
- Washington attorney
- District V Attorney
- Engineer
- Consultant hired by USEPA
- Ohio EPA representative
- Then lower number of alternatives
- Go back
- Slowly work it out
- Settle on plan
- Determine rates
- Encouraged that they are still talking
- USEPA acknowledged we are working within a limited budget
- CSOs (Combined sewer overflows) – different ways of controlling
- Ø USEPA looks at
- Frequency
- Volume
- Pollutant loading
- USEPA seems to change criteria
- Ø Costs
- We want to use 2008 as a basis for costing
- Water sheds
- Ø Ottawa River area
- Worst condition
- Bacteria
- Oxygen levels
- DO – dissolved oxygen
- SIUs – industrial users
- Ø Maumee River Area
- Water quality not in compliance
- Bacteria
- Told USEPA that we should reduce money we spend on Maumee River and put more into Ottawa River

Ø Swan Creek

- All 8 CSOs to tunnels
- Tunnels reduced impact of CSOs
- Some bacteria and dissolved oxygen problems

Ø Variety of alternatives

Ø USEPA wants a range of alternatives

- Least – most control

Ø USEPA – higher usage – higher restriction

Ø Survey – what do residents use waterways for

- Rowing
- Skiing
- Boating

Ø Water coming out of tunnels should be considered treated overflow

Ø What USEPA thinks is affordable may not be what we think is affordable

Ø USEPA says 2% of average annual income should be spent on sewer bill

Ø Average sewer bill approximately \$60 per quarter

Ø We can use affordability as an issue.

Ø If we can hold USEPA to \$236 million, that would be good

Ø Rates will be heavily influenced by what USEPA decides

Ø Rates substantially increased – will continue to increase

- Web site

Ø Web cams at Wastewater Treatment Plant

Ø Go to Seetoledo.com – TWWI – Web cam

- Two cams to view construction

Questions/Answers/Comments

Matt Horvat

- What happens inside tunnel?

Ø Settling

Ø Will eventually fill up unless flushed

Larry Clark

- LOF Lagoon?

Ø East of I-75 bridge

Ø 2 lagoons – upper and lower

Ø Storage facility underground

- Lagoon prime land?

Ø City would agree to build access road if we can use facilities

Lee Springer

- Do rates eventually go back down?

Ø Taking out 20 yr. loans at 3.1 – 3.2%

Ø Do not have to pay back until project is built

Ø Will not be paid back for 20 years

Jan Skunda

- 9-10% increase does not continue
- Ø Percentages should decrease

Jim Hamilton

- In reality, in 30 years we will probably upgrade again

Tom Roth

- Methane gas
- Ø Generate electricity
- Ø Offset electricity cost at plant
- Ø In design now

The Committee members agreed to meet again on Monday August 29, 2005 at noon. The location of this meeting will again be the Sewer Maintenance training room, 4032 Creekside. This will be a very critical meeting.