

Community Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
August 29, 2005
Creekside

Community Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 29, 2005, 12:00 p.m.
Sewer Maintenance Training Room

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

Other Attendees: William Garber (Utilities Administration), Sabrina Grimm (City of Toledo, Manager, Toledo Waterways Initiative), Jim Hamilton (The Mannik & Smith Group Inc.), Dave Kielemeyer (Funk Luetke Skunda Marketing Inc.), Michele Sijan (Department of Public Utilities Administration), Amber Stark (Funk Luetke Skunda Marketing Inc.), Elizabeth Wick (Ohio EPA) and Robert R. Williams (Director, Toledo Waterways Initiative)

Today's Meeting by Robert R. Williams

- News Coverage (excerpts from television coverage of the TWWI press conference were shown)
- Program Update
- Ø Point Place
- Ø River Road
- Ø Bay View Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Letter to U.S. and Ohio EPA
- Spending Matrix
- Next Meeting

Program Update by Robert R. Williams

- Point Place
- Ø Increasing number of construction workers at Wastewater Treatment Plant
- 200–230 workers
- Ø We are seeing a lot of construction
- Ø Edgewater pump station has been wrapped up
- Brick matches brick on school – worked out well
- Ø Edgewater Drive
- Finished up to 135th St.
- Bids out for 135th St. to 149th St.
- Construction should begin in November
- Ø Point Place pump station demolition
- Ø 290th pump station
- In operation
- Working well

- Good comments from neighbors
- River Road area
- Ø Relief sewer from Brookford to Midland
- Ø New water line
- Ø In 6 weeks we can begin restoring pavement
- Ø 3 million gallon EQ Basin inside River Road Park
- Caved in old storage basin
- When complete everything will be underground
- A baseball field will be constructed on top of facility when finished
- Will be finished fall of 2006
- Ø New sewers on Beverly Drive
- Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Ø Grit facility
- Ø Wet weather facility/Ballasted flocculation
- Ø EQ basin
- Letter to U.S. and Ohio EPA
- Ø Very close to submitting a LTCP draft
- Draft letter October 9
- Final letter November 9
- Would like supportive letter from Community Program Advisory Committee enclosed
- We are in the third year of a four-year rate increase
- LTCP will decide sewer rates for Toledo for the next 10-15 years
- Ø 3 watersheds in City
- Swan Creek - mid
- Ottawa River - worst
- Maumee River - cleanest
- Spending Matrix
- Ø Rough numbers:
- Consent Decree - \$453 million
- Ø 10-yr. plan
- May have to shuffle money
- May be not restriction on what they ask us to do.
- EPA may request more money for project
- Letter should include importance of environment, but need to be able to afford it
- Would like to bring draft of the letter to the next meeting

Questions/Answers/Comments

Mike Cassidy

- Will 135th St. to 149th St. be tunneled?
- Ø Will be bid out both ways
- Ø ½ of Point Place residents want open cut which will include a new road; the other ½ want tunneling, but road will not be replaced
- Ø Waiting for bids to come in
- Blade article regarding posting overflows
- Ø Whose decision is it to notify?
- Wastewater Treatment Plant

- We are required to notify EPA
- Why not put on web page?
- What percent of citizens have computer access?
- Want more notification
- Will talk to plant people
- EPA says one drop is a threat
- Add to web page regardless of what level – it is public record anyway
- Every overflow has a warning sign posted at the site
- Dry summer – number of overflows?
- Ø One a couple of days ago

Gary Anderson

- Rededication set?
- Ø Press conference will occur
- Trying to coordinate schedules
- Why not put an underground tank in Point Place?
- Ø Too big to put underground

Charles Taylor

- Time requirement?
- Ø Project has to be completed by 2016
- Rate control?
- Ø We can submit a package
- Ø EPA may not agree with level of control
- Ø More money = higher rates

Jim Hamilton

- If all else fails, we can go back to court
- Ø Hopefully not

Tom Roth

- Real estate taxes, school taxes, utility rates, jobs – suggest getting information from UT Urban Affairs
- Ø Federal guidelines – affordability
- Ø According to guidelines, we should be paying 2% of average household income on sewers each year
- Ø Average household is now paying \$240 per year

Larry Clark

- In terms of inflation, is it advantageous to build now instead of later on?
- Ø If we get delays on some projects, it can help us
- Suburban communities?
- Ø Setting up meters to compare data to find out how much rain water they are putting into the system

Jean Overton

· Are number of complaints in area looked at?

Ø Yes

· Can you mail a draft LTCP out before the next meeting?

Ø Yes, but without dollar figures

Matt Horvat

· There may be money available for dam removal

The Committee members agreed to meet again on Tuesday, September 27, 2005 at noon. The location of this meeting will again be the Sewer Maintenance training room, 4032 Creekside.