

Community Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2005
Creekside

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Tuesday, November 1, 2005, 12:00 p.m.
Sewer Maintenance Training Room

Committee Members Present: Gary Anderson (Citizen-at-Large), Lee Springer (Regional Growth Partnership) and Sister Barbara Stallman (Clear Water Inc.)

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

Program Update by Robert R. Williams

- Letter to USEPA from Committee members
- Ø Group in agreement
- Ø Will contact members individually
- LTCP draft
- Ø Revised draft letter
- Ø Plan needs to be in USEPA's hands by November 11 (note: this date has since been changed to December 16)
- Big commitment to achieve a higher level of control
- Reemphasize efforts
- Hope this meets with USEPA's approval
- Common projects
- Ø Flow reduction projects
- Ø Must be implemented by 2016
- Ø \$200 million spent last 3 or 4 years
- Ø Additional \$250 million yet to be spent
- Ø Required by Consent Decree to enter into this plan
- Rates
- Ø The next four years (2007-2010) will see a significant increase in sewer rates
- Ø EPA figures 2% of annual income for sewer rates
- Issue of financial strain for residents
- Ø Atlanta and Cleveland EPA projects are in billions
- Public Meeting
- Ø November 16 at Docks Courtyard
- Posting overflows
- Ø Should start in the next two weeks (note: overflow posting on the web site began in November
- Construction

Ø Major construction going on at Bay View Wastewater Treatment Plant

Questions/Answers/Comments

Lee Springer

- Sewer rates to go up in the next few years?
- Ø 9 ¾%-12%
- Ø Will still see 3 – 4 % operational increase also
- Do dry leaves generate blockage in storm sewers?
- Ø Just near inlets

Jim Hamilton

- EPA may say we have not done enough
- Benefit and cost are balanced

Dave Kielmeyer

- We received positive feedback from EPA recently

Gary Anderson

- Good draft letter to EPA from Committee members
- EQ basin size?
- Ø Still waiting for definite response from USEPA
- Ø 25 million gallon basin under construction

Sister Barbara Stallman

- Also feels the draft letter to EPA is good

The Committee members agreed to meet next on Tuesday, December 13,2005 at noon. The location of this meeting will again be the Sewer Maintenance training room, 4032 Creekside.