

Community Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2003
Creekside

Community Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 18, 2003, 1:00 p.m.
Sewer Maintenance Training Room

Committee Members Present: Gary Anderson (Citizen-at-Large), Mike Cassidy (Ottawa River Kleen Up Association Inc.), Frankie Fann for Steven Thomas (Local 500), Matt Horvat (TMACOG), Jean Overton (Citizen-at-Large), Tom Roth (Ottawa River Kleen Up Association Inc.), Sister Barbara Stallman for Cindy Drill (Clear Water Inc.) and Charles Taylor (Citizen-at-Large)

Committee Members Not In Attendance: Robert Alexander (YMCA), Karen Ashford (Black Chamber of Commerce), Rev. Al Baumann (Metro Toledo Churches United), Bill Brennan (Construction Contractors Council), Ken Dobson (University of Toledo), Debbie Horvath (Maumee River Yacht Club), James Mettler (Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority), Margy Poorman (Regional Growth Partnership) and Willie Williams (Citizen-at-Large)

Other Attendees: Michael Ashford (Toledo City Council Member), Mike Domenica (Black & Veatch Corp.), Carol Hufnagel (Tetra Tech), Jim Hamilton (Mannik & Smith Group Inc.), Dave Kilmeyer (Funk Luetke Skunda Marketing Inc.), Adrienne Nemura (Limno-Tech, Inc.), Michele Miller (Department of Public Utilities Administration), Jan Skunda (Funk Luetke Skunda Marketing Inc.) and Robert R. Williams (Director, Toledo Waterways Initiative)

Opening Comments by Robert R. Williams

- Water quality will be main topic of this meeting
- Trip to New York last week regarding bond sales
- Rates passed 5/27; in effect 7/1
- Ratings by New York agencies – never rated before
- East Side – bid out
- Windemere – bid out in July
- Facilities plan with Black & Veatch
- Negotiations regarding NPDES permit – renegotiating
- Design for back up power begun
- Point Place Phase 2A design completed – being reviewed by USEPA
- River Road and Midland pilot program – downspouts to sewers
- Sanitary sewer discharge plan
- Sanitary sewer emergency plan
- Management and Operations manual submitted
- Plan for handling large industrial customers submitted
- Perfect record to date regarding Consent Decree
- Waiting on responses from USEPA
- USEPA will visit Toledo Water Treatment Plant on Monday, 6/23

Comments by Mike Domenica

- Limno-Tech, Inc. working in Toledo regarding water quality
- Limno-Tech, Inc. monitoring Maumee River, Swan Creek, Ottawa River
- Introduced Adrienne Nemura, Senior Engineer, of Limno-Tech, Inc.

Power Point Presentation by Adrienne Nemura

Questions/Answers/Comments

Robert R. Williams

- Project will improve water quality to a certain degree
 - Regional approach
 - Revising water quality standards – will it happen?
- v Yes, there is a chance this will happen
- v Limno-Tech report to Congress

Mike Domenica

- Older cities and cities built at mouth of rivers
 - Problems – from upstream
 - Water quality standards – must be a change
 - Working with Ohio EPA regarding standards
 - Water quality data
- v Substantial problem
- v Very random
- v Take averages
- 1970's funding by federal government
 - Wet weather – everyone's problem
 - Federal government leaves it up to states and communities
 - City of Toledo made great strides in obtaining funds
 - Legal implications – notify or do not notify

Adrienne Nemura

- In Missouri, standards must be changed
- Computer models
- Bacteria levels – way above standards

Jan Skunda

- Use of River
- v What we would like it to be used for
- v Seasonal standards

Matt Horvat

- Some seasonal standards exist
- Fort Wayne experiencing same issues as Toledo
- Home sewage treatment
- Health Department records

- Inspections and maintenance program
- Postings – no way to know how long before water is back to standards
- Why not CSO action day?
- v Financial implications

Mike Cassidy

- Water sampling
- v Spring event
- v Targeting two more times
- Oxygen levels – when taken?
- v 1997 sampling
- Water is cleaner than before
- Size of CSOs – how determined?
- v Engineering study
- v Pumps on CSOs
- v Sensors used to estimate report to USEPA
- Notification to warn citizens of unsafe water – when?
- v Signs posted
- v No alerts
- v Report to EPA could be put on web page – public information
- Ozone action day – why not same for water?
- Use leaflets on TV and radio.

Tom Roth

- Watershed
- Regional approach
- USEPA
- v Money
- v Population issues
- v Smaller communities – more restrictions
- v Agricultural – nitrate level warnings
- v Buffer strips between plowed fields and River
- Federal Government Control
- Allowed this to occur
- Set standards
- Community should force government to pay for this
- Should be federally funded
- v We have received some money from government
- v Aggressively pursuing grants from government
- v Large role by Federal Government

Gary Anderson

- Ohio river pollution – reduction levels
- Point Place project
- v Will improve, still a long way to go

Charles Taylor

- Projected results – not a cure all
- v Bacteria – serious problem
- v Floatables, fecal matter- CSOs make substantial improvement
- v CSOs target sedible solids
- v Odors will improve

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, August 25 at 1:00 p.m. Same location – Sewer Maintenance Training Room

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