



Cuyahoga River AOC Advisory Committee

MINUTES

4.17.2023

Canalway Center – 4524 E. 49th St., Cuyahoga Heights, OH

Quarterly Advisory Committee Meeting (9a-10a)

Introductions

Attendees:

Voting Members: Carly Beck, Peter Bode, Robert Brand, Ana Burns, Pamela Davis (alternate for Joe MacDonald), Frank Greenland, Jennifer Grieser, Pat Gsellman, Joe Hadley, Scott Hardy, Bill Hughes, Whitnye Long Jones, Nichole Lopez, Stephen Love, Cecelia Mazzei (alternate for Jennifer Heard), Elaine Marsh, Samantha Martin, Erica Matheny, Bryce Pulley, Tom Rayburn, Mike Sekerek (alternate for Robert Brand), Megan Smith, Jordyn Stoll, Paul Trulio (alternate for Elaine Price), Katie Wells

Ex-Officio/Resource: Hannah Boesinger, Kristin Hall, Kairsten Nitsch, Justin Telep

Guests: Laura Bonnell, Brittany Dalton, Rachel Ellenberger, Joy Jackson, Mark Madison

Approval of Minutes of January 23, 2023

- T. Rayburn – Update minutes with accurate record of his vote.
- Motion to approve by J. Stoll, seconded by A. Burns. All in favor with no abstentions.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

- Newly elected Members short introductions – All New Members
- Review of Advisory Committee Member commitments and requirements – J. Grieser
 - Conflict of Interest Form to be sent with meeting minutes
 - Signed alternate appointment letter from organization
- Letter of Support to National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, Sustain Our Great Lakes for Cleveland Metroparks – *Crooked River Cooperative Weed Management Area (The Nature Conservancy)*
- Determine locations for 7/17 meeting
- Letter of Support to Assistant Attorney General, United States v. City of Akron, Ohio – *Third Amendment to Consent Decree*

New Business

- P. Gsellman – Update on *Third Amendment to Consent Decree*, file motion in court April 2023, next step public hearing
- Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors & Premiers Leadership Summit in Cleveland, October 13-15, 2023

OLEC Update – H. Boesinger

- Wrapping up BUI 4 Removal Document draft, Advisory Committee next in line to review
- Will be sent out by K. Nitsch the week of 4/24 with a 14 day review period for the Committee
- Inquiry about holding BUI 4 public meeting
 - Multiple members expressed interest in having a public meeting, and additional groups that may be interested in attending (Ohio Central Basin Steelheaders)
 - Decided to host public meeting with targeted guest list/outreach
- H. Boesinger will continue pursuing justification for BUI 10 Beach Closings removal, but more complex. Next step will be justifications/presentation to SIP Subcommittee when ready
- AOC Conference to be held in Green Bay on September 13th and 14th, 2023
- 7/17 or 10/16 meeting will present updates on all MAPS projects

Facilitating Organization Update (Cuyahoga SWCD) – K. Nitsch

- Financial overview
 - Halfway through grant cycle, at about 40% of hours
 - Over \$42,000 left in subcontracts allocation
- Accessing SharePoint demonstration

Subcommittee Updates

Governance – K. Nitsch

- Mid-year review will be a chance for reflection on participation and Committee members' needs

Public Outreach – S. Hardy

- 2/13/2023 AOC presentation to class at Case Western
- 4/12/2023 marketing subgroup met to discuss content refresh, next step is hiring small firm with contractual dollars to conduct branding refresh, content consolidation, storytelling, demographics, etc.
- 7/13/2023 planned AOC presentation and tour to Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
- Upcoming tabling events
 - Committed: 5/13 Clean Water Open House – need 1-2 more volunteers
 - Committed: 6/24 River Rally - need 3 volunteers for AOC walking tours

Strategic Implementation – F. Greenland

- BUIs 3, 6, and 14's removals will be subject to the completion of the remaining MAPS
- Need to communicate the complexity of the issues after BUIs are removed, removal does not mean perfect water quality conditions ("sustain the gain")
- H. Boesinger - 2028 realistic delisting timeframe

Announcements pertinent to BUI delisting activities

- H. Boesinger – Summer 2023 dredge sampling to be conducted by US Army Corps in the Navigation Channel, Spring 2024 OEPA will evaluate the data, then H. Boesinger will present to SIP Subcommittee
- C. Beck – Irishtown Bend project out to bid April/May 2023

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