

MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
AUGUST 11, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Katherine Arnett, Tim Pritchard, Sarah Richard, Hillery Spearman, Kathleen Turner (virtually), Brian Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT: Niani Brown, Scott Eardley, Matthew Worsham

STAFF PRESENT: Isabelle Blackwell, Eric Borth, Mary Faulkner, Paul Fleischman, Julie Height, Keshia Kinney, Chris Lipson, Meg Maloney, Theresa McGeady, Carolyn Moore, John Musto, Zak Schultz, Michele Simmons

OTHERS PRESENT: Leslie King – MVRPC
John Woodman – Solid Waste District
Guy Jones – Citizen

Chairperson Katherine Arnett called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. and introductions were made. Chairperson Arnett would like to make a soft establishment of a ten-minute limit for Citizens' Concerns. There were no Citizens' Concerns.

Approval of the July 2023 Minutes: Chairperson Arnett called for a motion to accept the minutes from the July 2023 meeting. Tim Pritchard made a motion to accept the minutes. Sarah Richard seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the minutes were accepted.

Staff Items: Zak Schultz made the update that inspections are continuing to take place. They were able to complete inspections of all the petroleum facilities on Brandt. Paul Fleischman shared that there was a recent large release of mineral oil (2000 gallons). With the help of the Ohio EPA, they were able to trace it back to the Franklin Iron and Metal. They took responsibility for the spill and the cleanup. They were also billed for City of Dayton's time spent working on the spill. Theresa McGeady shared that the Clean Sweep of the Great Miami River happened on July 14th. The City hosted three sections and had 128 volunteers that collected 3234 pounds of trash. She also mentioned a recent Dayton Daily News article that focused on the improvement of the quality of Ohio's rivers from a few decades ago and specifically Dayton's area rivers. A link to the article will be sent. Paul Fleischman introduced Keshia Kinney, Division Manager for Water Supply and Treatment. Keshia gave an update on the Water Quality Lab expansion.

Sustainability: Meg Maloney shared that the City is partnering with AES Clean Energy to do a fleet assessment for all the City's vehicles on when to convert to electric. The recommendation has been adopted as part of the capital request form. Also, the settlement for AES was approved on Wednesday. The settlement was for \$9 million to do weatherization for low-income communities within the City of Dayton.

Valleycrest: Meg Maloney also shared that the ribbon cutting for the closure will be the second week of October, possibly at the Polish Club. The access road is in the final stages of completion.

Economic Development: Two staff are attending the US EPA Brownfield Conference in Detroit and hope to bring back an update next month.

Public Health, Dayton and Montgomery County: No update.

Solid Waste District: John Woodman mentioned the last Styrofoam event collected 3000 pounds. The next one will be held October 14th at Wegrzyn Gardens. The Tire Buy Back event will happen on September 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. They are still looking for volunteers. The final design for the front entrance of the facility is almost complete. The estimate for the construction completion is two years. They are working on their five-year plan update with the Ohio EPA, which is a requirement. The next step in the process is stakeholder engagement.

Five Rivers MetroParks: Tim Pritchard shared that the Master Recycling Program is underway with 22 volunteers being trained as community waste reduction advocates. The volunteers are charged with helping the community with waste reduction/recycling events. They are preparing for Outdoor X, held on October 7th and 8th at Eastwood Metro Park and looking for volunteer support. This is a waste free event. There are ADA improvements being made at 2nd Street Market that should be completed in the next few weeks. It is currently National Farm Market Week. The Hall Hunger Initiative had a nice reception last night. On September 21st, the Food Bank, Ohio Organics Council, and MetroParks are partnering for a composting education event.

University of Dayton: Sarah Richard shared that the fellows that interned in her office wrapped up this week. Next week starts move-in and partnering with the Office of Energy and Sustainability for the cardboard collection program. A long-term goal is to store items left at move-out and repurpose them for students at move-in. Storage for the summer is a hindrance.

MVRPC: Leslie King shared that Dayton recently became one of the newest age friendly communities. They have applied for a grant in partnership with the Dayton Foundation as part of a five-year program with AARP concerning livability. This aligns with the livability and age-friendly part of our Institute for Livable Equitable Communities program. There will be surveys conducted of the community in the first year to influence planning. There are eleven communities in the multi-county region and is the largest network in the state. A suggestion would be for someone from Bike Miami Valley or Link Bikes to come to address the board. They have experienced a lot of challenges in the past six months.

Old Business: The meeting accessibility issue will be investigated and discussed next month. Chairperson Katherine Arnett will contact Niani Brown concerning the board's engagement with the public. There was a discussion on the EV Charging Analysis. Chairperson Katherine Arnett asked for a motion to approve the EV Charging Infrastructure Analysis with changes mentioned. Brian Williams made a motion to approve, and Tim Pritchard seconded the motion. A vote was made, and it was approved. A draft support letter for the EV Charging Plan was distributed to the board and changes should be communicated to Chairperson Katherine Arnett.

New Business: Chairperson Katherine Arnett requested a presentation soon on the Brownfield Conference taking place now. Leslie King volunteered MVRPC to make a presentation. A Bike Miami Valley presentation was requested as well. Hillery Spearman wanted to know where Public Health has been spraying for mosquitos, last year and this year. Meg Maloney will ask Sarah Holod for an update.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Katherine Arnett asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Tim Pritchard and seconded by Brian Williams. The meeting was adjourned at 1:06 p.m.