

Euclid Creek PIPE Committee Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2017 9:00 am – 11:00 am South Euclid Community Center

Present:

Present: Kenyette Adrine Robinson, Euclid; Meiring Borchers, Lyndhurst; Judy Dearden, Highland Heights; Bob Gorentz, Highland Heights; Jim Hruska, South Euclid; Susan Jerome, Mayfield Village; Dan Knecht, Euclid; Gary Leinweber, Euclid; Ken Messinger Rapport, Highland Heights; Doug Metzung, Mayfield Village; Joe Newman, Mayfield Heights; Claire Posius, Cuyahoga SWCD; Jim Wilk, South Euclid; and, Marilyn Wilson, Richmond Heights.

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am

1. **October 2016 Summit Minutes.** The Watershed Coordinator discussed the first item in the handouts, the [October 6 Watershed Summit meeting minutes*](#), and asked the PIPE Committee members let her know if they have edits. No changes were discussed.
2. **Expanded Regional PIPE Program & 2017 PIPE Committee Roster.** Ms. Posius next discussed the expanded PIPE program at Cuyahoga SWCD and that her area has expanded to include the Cities of East Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, University Heights, Pepper Pike and Gates Mills Village. Next year members from these new communities will participate in PIPE Committee meetings as this year Ms. Posius is meeting with new communities individually. The 2017 PIPE Committee Roster was discussed and there was a question as to whether Al Hess was still on the Committee by Mr. Newman. Ms. Posius will find out if he is still interested.
3. **2016 PIPE Reports / 2016 Program Accomplishments.** The Watershed Coordinator updated the Committee that the PIPE Annual reports for Ohio EPA are due April 1 and that she delivered them to all communities on February 28. She then gave the Committee the [2016 PIPE Committee's annual work plan/report](#) highlighting program successes for the year and she went over any events that happened since the June 2016 update*. Discussion about renaming the Green Cleaning workshop ensued and Committee members ideas are listed here:
 - Newman – A Healthy Home helps keep your family Healthy
 - Dearden – Getting Toxins out of your Home
 - Healthy Cleaning
 - Smart & Healthy Cleaning Solutions
 - Healthy home, Healthy Cleaning
 - Healthy Home – No Toxins Needed
 - Message that it's cheaper than conventional cleaning products
 - Workshop issue - If people too busy to make recipes, is this seen as too time consuming?
 - Partner with essential oil representative, Mayfield Heights new Fresh Time store – workshop there?; Hillcrest Hospital workshop?; UH – Dr. Bole; Churches with preschools; Gathering Place (Newman has contacts); and, Pet Store/Dog Groomer.
4. **2017 Draft Outreach Strategy & Work Plan Review and Approval.** The Watershed Coordinator then discussed the 2017 Outreach Strategy with the Committee discussing the annual theme of 'Lake Erie – Don't Waste It'. The theme has many targeted audiences and messages that the coordinator went over in detail. Mr. Borchers said he'd brainstorm about resources for finding out Homeowners Associations (HOAs) in communities related to Message 1 on animal waste outreach to HOAs. Other items discussed include:
 - It was recommended to put the Illegal Dumping Brochure in the PIPE Dropbox folder; and when printed get Dearden a bunch of print copies and NEORSD Pick up Poop/PUP signs.
 - Ken Messinger Rapport discussed trash problem in neighborhood due to automated trash pick up trucks scattering trash everywhere in high winds – would like to schedule a spring cleanup for Bishop Preserve conserved site due to excessive trash in woods.

The Coordinator then went through the Event Series which is the [2017 PIPE Work Plan](#)*.

Discussion and program ideas not identified in the work plan include:

- Ms. Adrine-Robinson mentioned a massive tree down at Community Christian Church in Euclid, she'll send Ms. Posius a photo.
- Ms. Posius updated group on the Lower Euclid Creek greenway plan status and the potential for having the trail run behind Central Middle School in Euclid and that Cleveland Metroparks may take over ownership of the site once the school is demolished.
- Mr. Newman wants signage for creeks underground this year in Mayfield Heights to help educate residents about the hidden streams. He suggested approaching Mayor DiCicco about it.
- East Cleveland – Meiring suggested contacting CCBH to find out who their contact is at East Cleveland.
- When discussing Girl Scouts activities over Earth Day weekend, Ms. Dearden said she had a contact for Forest Hill Park we can coordinate with.

The Committee verbally approved the 2017 Work Plan for the Watershed Coordinator to implement.

5. **Monthly Articles, Euclid Creek Newsletter, Website and Social Media.** The Coordinator discussed with the Committee that the quarterly articles are complete and all will be sent to communities soon related to the 2017 theme 'Lake Erie – Don't Waste It!'. The newsletter will be issued three times in 2017 in addition to monthly eblasts, so let the Coordinator know if you have article ideas. Ms. Posius is updating the Facebook account regularly for FOEC, and irregularly for the Twitter account.
6. **Euclid Creek Watershed Action Plan – 2017 update.** The Coordinator updated the Committee on the Euclid Creek WAP update (the Nonpoint Source Implementation Strategy / NPSIS) that was supposed to have been completed in 2016. The template for the document was not available until later in the year in 2016, so the bulk of the work will be happening in 2017. Public information sessions about the plan will happen in the summer of 2017.
7. **Other Activities/Interest.**
 - Ms. Wilson said that Richmond Heights School Superintendent, Dr. Renee Willis, might be open to getting students involved in land lab at Greenwood Farm
 - Ms. Dearden mentioned that she was concerned about foam in her retention basin, most likely organic from leaves decomposing, so Ms. Posius and Mr. Borchers did not think the foam was a water quality issue.
 - A discussion about funding cuts to Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and other programs took place and it was recommended to see Wednesday's PD Editorial with Portman's views and Committee members were encouraged to contact their representatives to advocate for restoring full funding to the program.
8. **Watershed Summit 2017 Planning / Ideas.** Ms. Posius updated the group that the Summit has been set for Thursday, November 9 from 5-7pm in Lyndhurst and to save the date. She asked for feedback and Ms. Wilson said that she likes the big picture nature of the summit. Ms. Dearden said that she likes hearing about the different facets of the program and likes the summit format overall.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:44am

Minutes prepared by Claire Posius, Euclid Creek Watershed Coordinator

*All meeting handouts and presentations are available upon request (you can email or call the Watershed Coordinator with your information request); also, some meeting materials are on the program website at www.EuclidCreekWatershed.org under the 'About Us', 'Euclid Creek Watershed Council' page.