

Euclid Creek Watershed Council

Regular Meeting
Monday, July 10, 2023
8:00 am – 9:00 am

EUCLID CITY HALL
585 E 222nd Street
Euclid, OH 44123

MISSION

*To address common environmental, stormwater,
and development concerns in the Euclid Creek watershed*

MEMBERS

PRESENT

Cuyahoga SWCD

Kate Chapel, Watershed Coordinator

Board & Members

Laura Travers, Chair

Ramona Lowery, Commissioner, City of Cleveland
Division of Water Pollution Control (*Heard*)

Kirsten Holzheimer Gail, Mayor, City of Euclid

Kim Thomas, Mayor, City of Richmond Heights

Karen Arnold, City of Mayfield Heights designee

Anthony DiRenzo, City of South Euclid

Casey St. Laurent, City of Richmond Heights

Guests

Esther Trepal, Friends of Euclid Creek

Bill Hughes, Friends of Euclid Creek

Roy Larick, Bluestone Conservancy

Jen Brancho, USACE

Russ Brandenburg, USACE

ABSENT

Justin Berns, Mayor, City of Beachwood (*Vild/Atkinson*)

Chuck Brunello, Mayor, City of Highland Heights

Patrick Ward, Mayor, City of Lyndhurst

Anthony DiCicco, Mayor, City of Mayfield Heights

Brenda Bodnar, Mayor, Village of Mayfield

Georgine Welo, Mayor, City of South Euclid

MINUTES

Welcome and Introductions

Laura Travers called the meeting to order at 8:11 am. She and Mayor Holzheimer Gail welcomed everyone to the City of Euclid and thanked them for coming.

Approve March 2023 Minutes

The March 2023 minutes were sent ahead of the meeting for review.

Motion to approve these minutes as written by Lowery, seconded by Arnold, passes.

Brief updates from Watershed Coordinator

Kate Chapel presented on actions and events since the last Watershed Council meeting. A few grant programs are nearing their end, so results and pictures were shared. Metrics from recent e-newsletters, print newsletters, and mailings were shared with the group. Updates are current and potential restoration projects were also shared. Esther Trepal and Bill Hughes shared their view on the recent workshops they attended led by CSWCD, and Roy Larick shared about the pilot rebate program in South Euclid. More details can be found in the presentation slides that will be available on the CSWCD website.

Presentation from Jen Brancho, Buffalo District, on USACE programs

Jen Brancho shared information on a variety of USACE programs and authorities and answered questions from watershed council members and guests. Her slides are included in the meeting slides available on the CSWCD website.

Additional Business from Watershed Council members

There was no further business.

Decide next meeting location

The date for the next meeting was shared but no location yet decided.

Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Holzheimer Gail, second by Arnold, passes.

Field trip to the E 185th Street project with Russ Brandenburg

Russ Brandenburg gave an update to watershed council members and guests about the project's status, including property easements/control, design progress, funding sources. He offered to share a completed file on the 30% design with the group. He answered questions about the goals of the project and described how they've changed over time. There is anticipated construction activity for 2024/2025.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Kate Chapel, Secretary of ECWC, Watershed Coordinator at Cuyahoga SWCD.