

Euclid Creek Watershed Council

Regular Meeting
Monday, March 13, 2023
8:30 am – 9:30 am

RICHMOND HEIGHTS
CITY HALL
26789 Highland Road
Richmond Heights, OH 44143

MISSION

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

MEMBERS

PRESENT

Cuyahoga SWCD

Kate Chapel, Watershed Coordinator

Julie Olivo, NOWCorps Member

Board & Members

Rhonda Gibson, Chair

Laura Travers, Vice Chair

Karen Arnold, City of Mayfield Heights designee

Brian Belifore, City of Highland Heights

Anthony DiRenzo, City of South Euclid

Jeff Filarski, City of Lyndhurst

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

Sarah Stangelo, Chagrin Valley Engineering

Kim Thomas, Mayor, City of Richmond Heights (*Gibson*)

Patrick Ward, Mayor, City of Lyndhurst

Guests

Neil Barret, Friends of Euclid Creek

Esther Trepal, Friends of Euclid Creek

ABSENT

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

Kirsten Holzheimer Gail, Mayor, City of Euclid

Chuck Brunello, Mayor, City of Highland Heights

Anthony DiCicco, Mayor, City of Mayfield Heights

Brenda Bodnar, Mayor, Village of Mayfield

Georgine Welo, Mayor, City of South Euclid

MINUTES

Welcome and Introductions

Rhonda Gibson called the meeting to order at 8:35 am. She welcomed everyone to the City of Richmond Heights and thanked everyone for coming.

Approve November 2022 Minutes

The November 2022 minutes were sent ahead of the meeting for review.

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

Brief updated from Watershed Coordinator

Kate Chapel presentation on actions and events since the last Watershed Council meeting. Grants and service agreements whose start date was January 1, 2023 have begun and were updated in the annual work plan. Upcoming events and programming in the watershed were shared, with relevant flyers, etc. to be sent digitally with these draft minutes shortly after the meeting. Metrics from recent blog posts, e-newsletters, print newsletters, and mailings were shared with the group. Updates are current and potential restoration projects were also shared. More details can be found in the presentation slides that will be available on the CSWCD website.

Discussion and approval of 2023 ECWP Work Plan

The 2023 ECWP Work Plan was sent ahead of the meeting for review.

Motion to approve this work plan as a living document by Gibson, seconded by Ward, passes.

Any discussion necessary for 2022 PIPE Reporting

Kate Chapel let the Council know where PIPE reports to Ohio EPA stand for the group. About half of the communities assigned to K. Chapel have been completed, with the other half needing to be delegated via STREAMS for the April 1, 2023 deadline. The City of Cleveland, also a Watershed Council community, delegates this particular report to another Coordinator in the CSWCD office.

Additional Business from Watershed Council members

Members and guests shared information about upcoming events in the area. Some details are below, and any flyers, etc. that can be shared at this time will be included as attachments to the email with these draft minutes.

Laura Travers let the group know that Ohio EPA may be starting more audits this summer with the addition of more interns. Communities are chosen at random for these audits.

Euclid – Big Clean on Earth Day Saturday April 22, 2023

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44ACAF2BA4F9CE9-euclid>

Mayfield Heights – the beautification day went so well last fall that another has been planned for May 6, 2023.

Richmond Heights – Spring Plant Exchange at Greenwood Farm Saturday May 20, 2023, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Decide next meeting location

Mayor Ward offered to host the next meeting in Lyndhurst. This meeting will include a presentation from a regional partner. Suggestions for that regional partner included NEORSD, Cleveland Metroparks, and West Creek Conservancy (in no particular order). K. Chapel will reach out to these organizations to see who is available.

Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Ward, second by Arnold, passes.

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