

Cleveland Clean Air Century Campaign  
Draft Meeting Summary  
February 2, 2005

Members attending: Rev. Marvin Smith, Eleanor Bykoski, George Baker, Richard Connelly, Richard King, Elvin Vauss, Lyn Luttner, Bill Skowronski, George Coder, Chris Kiouss, Anne Marie Vincent, Amy Wainwright, Jackie Henderson, Joyce Porozynski, Ellen Kaminski, Marty Gelfand

Facilitators: Linda Kimble, Sandra Kaufman

The Ohio Air Toxics Group convened for the twenty first time at the Sewer District.

Introductions

Ellen Kaminski & Joyce Porozynski-Slavic Village

Amy Wainwright – NOACA

Invitation to an air quality workshop by Amy, March 22 (bagel and coffee) – seeking input for two SIPs:

Seeking to engage the public and the regulated community (trucking fleets, various businesses, autobody sprayers, drycleaners, bakeries). Begin to talk (12 months) then send a formal resolution from NOACA to Ohio EPA about resolving the ozone and particulate matter problems (Then they would go into the State Implementation Plan). It is not going to be about e-check, which is here to stay. In other parts of the state there is a choice, but here it is part of the baseline, only tweaking is still possible. USEPA is seeking new control to be implemented for cleaning the air. Join the public participation process to help NOACA. Asking to spread the word.

Remaining funds

Schools proposal and Kaufman proposal and approved by the Working Group

Great Lakes Pollution Prevention Project, Marty Gelfand

Congressman Kucinich supported the pilot from the beginning and wanted Slavic Village to be included. He continues to support the CCACC.

New initiative, Marty is seeking the Group's support.

GAO report: a lot of study, no action; regional collaboration necessary. Administrator Leavitt advanced this idea.

Dec. 3, Chicago: EPA Administrator and the Governors of all states in the Great Lakes, environmental groups, Indian tribes and the government of Canada and provincial governments (as observers) came together to initiate a regional collaboration that will become international in scope (Canada as a partner) to clean up the Great Lakes. The "right" parties were in the room for a good likelihood of success despite the ambitious

schedule (6 months). The groups are already convening. Not too late to get involved. Marty can't work on it but hopes this group can get involved.

Lynn: exciting project; Great Lakes is an important treasure and unique fresh water source. The Gulf of Mexico, Chesapeake Bay and the Everglades have acted. It is the Great Lakes' turn. Mayor Campbell is active in this initiative. There are 8 strategy groups, emerging from the priorities set by the governors and mayors. The report will be ready in July. Meetings are over the phone and face-to-face. A good opportunity to get involved. Those already participating are a varied group. Lynn is working on the sustainability issue.

Anne Marie: Friday (North Ridgeville local library) there will be a community alliance on the West Side who convenes local mayors and townships and they will be discussing the Great Lakes collaboration. It's starting off with big players around the table but it will then trickle down to the communities level. **Linda will send around the information.**

Qs & As:

- is there funding for this effort?

Governors, Mayors, etc. are participating and after the first 6 months so there is the potential for funding. Some of the work groups will hold retreats and meetings in Toledo (Feb. 22).

- Is this linked to the Great Lakes compact? (separate effort)

Unclear if this came up. (related to diverting water from the Great Lakes.)

- (not much confidence in the governmental structure so) a letter to the Mayor urged proactive actions regarding the mercury levels in Lake Erie (risky for those who subsistence-fish). There was no response. The frustration leads to lack of confidence in the political leadership. Any response would have been better than none.

This is a good point – contacting the local government and not getting any response. However, one can have confidence in the process, with persistence a response will come. This process gives hope in that direction. There is accountability inherent in the composition of this group. It is on the level of an international convention, and they all start by demands from local governments and then a convention of this kind. So there is room for optimism. This group in particular is quite related to the new effort.

- What specific goals have they set for this effort? Have there been studies?

This is part of the problem: so many studies and no results.

There are 8 strategy teams: habitat/species, indicators and information, persistent bioaccumulative toxics reduction, invasive species, sustainable, areas of concern restoration/sediments, nonpoint source, and coastal health

What they are working on is to develop a strategy (draft ready in July) to address issues where natural resources have been altered or degraded, and consider measures to restore them (huge umbrella).

- Do we need to consider as a group how to get involved actively? **We need information through email and then we'll make the decision electronically.** Is there a time limit for participation?

There does not seem to be a deadline. This was an information effort for the group and we know it's going to end with a draft proposal in July. People interested in participating and providing input before it gets to higher decision making levels (states, cities, tribal nations, the feds). This is a chance to get involved.

- Mercury: a question for Bill and Lynn. The feds were working on a rule for mercury and did a first set of controls on power plants and then before the elections there was supposed to be a phase two. The second round of controls is pending and there is still no rule and that matters. Now in the newspapers: news about Clear Skies and reopening the Clean Air Act. Is there a scoop from Washington? We would like the information sent to Linda to circulate to the group.

Marty promises to work with Amy on this issue.

- The value of joining would be in the information sharing and identifying other groups doing what we do, and n letting others know about our campaign.

This group got set up in December and will have a draft of a draft in April, there is ample time to join. Lynn will send Linda the website with the group lists and contacts. Everyone's opinion should be factored in.

The groups have formed but not everyone knew about this at the time of the meeting. It is not too late to get involved in the groups.

- Sounds like a water quality initiative from an air group. Parts of the initiative are water-related so we should get involved as individuals. But as a group, we need to know what's going on. I'd like feedback on the deposition and on solutions to the problems and to let people know about a success story in Cleveland.
- **Chris is interested in coordinating a subgroup that deals with any issues linked to air quality. We could offer ideas to this group.**
- **This needs more Working Group input.**
- This is a lot to mull over -- it's big, and we are on the outside. How about circulating the information and then the Working Group members can consider strategy groups and see if they are interested in any. Take a look at the strategies and if there is some way this group can represent the Cleveland area (e.g. power plants) – there might be value added. Once you find a link and a desire to get involved even just by participating or by getting the word out about how we did it, that can be contributed. So it's important to get the information first.
- Would it make more sense that Lynn act as a filter for this group? She could bring this to our attention.
- **Lynn accepts to perform this task.**

- The Planning Committee should be responsible for examining this initiative and coming up with ideas. Then we can put together recommendations for the Working Group.

Summary:

- Linda/Sanda collect information and forward it to the Working Group
- Planning committee examines issues and brings back suggestions
- Lynn brings back important issues for the group's consideration so the Group can decide how to get involved (including listservs).

George Baker: presentation of the CCACC database capability

Discussion of CCACC goals

The group approved the formulation to three goals and will receive an email asking members to contribute objectives and measures of success. The Planning Committee will pool and edit suggestions and present the group by email with a list of objectives to be approved, after which we will work on actions.

Recognition event

Location: Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation Metropark; discussion of date (end of April); 6:00-9:00.

Suggestions for activities in the park – walking around, food, beverages, dancing

Discussion over date (April or May) – leaning toward May, but only the 13<sup>th</sup> or the 20<sup>th</sup>

Include recipients of project benefits

Ensure presence of media (Ideastream) – get on the 9:00 morning show (TV).

Campaign News: By May, the campaign will complete the following: handout distributed outlining Indoor Environments Committee projects

- Resource guides – 375 copies left (out of 4000) – more should be printed to respond to the demand
- Smoke-free home pledge and smoke-free automobile
- Radon training (2 sessions funded, April 13 –9:30-12:30pm)
- HHW events – will supply volunteers , will not fund PR
- IPM for schools – purchase products

Elvin Vauss: finalist for the Martin Luther King Jr. award sponsored by the Cleveland Orchestra (recognition for community involvement, exemplifying the kind of work that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. engaged in)

Electroplaters training successful: 50 participants, Richard Connely, Rev. Smith , Anne Marie, Chris Kious, Cher, Bill S. (available on CD-ROM)

biggest concentration of electroplaters in the country, small unregulated shops; they took the time to attend the workshops and gave lots of compliments to the program and the CD. Good collaborative effort. Went very smoothly. Lab tours offered by Richard. The speakers were excellent. Participants got a new perspective. One of the best sector-specific trainings. Not one negative comment.

METING ADJOURNED AT 9:05pm

Next meeting: TBD-May 4 or May 11