CUYAHOGA AOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

JULY 9, 2019

Staff: Goodman

This meeting was preceded by a tour of the Ashtabula AOC hosted by Jill Bartolotta of Ohio Sea Grant.

Approval of Minutes of April 9, 2019 – Burns moved approval, Hughes second, approved unanimously

Old Business
The CRR Workplan for the new subgrant was finalized and the AOC approved and issued a letter of support.
A letter of support was also approved and issued for Summit Metro Parks’ Valley View Phase 2 project.

New Business
Meiring Borcherds has resigned, so the position of Vice-Chair is open. Pam Davis (for g. Gallucci) moved to appoint Bill Hughes. Burns seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Subcommittee Updates
Public Outreach – S. Hardy reminded all of the Fish Fry Celebration of BUI 1 (Fish Consumption) Removal @ E. 55th on the Lake, coming on July 19 from 4-7pm.

Strategic Implementation – included with L.Garrity report

OEPA/OLEC Update
L. Garrity, Ohio Lake Erie Commission – Sampling for fish tumors happened in June in the Old River Channel and Euclid Creek. Data is expected to be reported out later this year.
Removal documents for the eutrophication BUI are in the works.

The state is putting money into evaluation of the beach closing/recreational use BUI later this summer and/or early fall. Management actions are in various stages – Removal of the Canal Diversion dam might happen in fall, but probably more like end of year; she and implementers are working on costs for all projects, discussing with GLNPO, and aiming for go-aheads to proceed by end of year, coordinating with various funding source schedules. SIP committee is to talk thru the projects somethime before October. Lynn, Jenn, and Jane are working on presenting the AOC Conference in September. We have 2 registrations that could be reimbursed, she’ll assign based on need, previous AOC involvement and support.

J. Goodman, Cuyahoga River Restoration –
New subgrant will run 18 months, through September 2020, instead of 12 months.
The last quarter was busy with many events around the 50th fire anniversary, much local and national media coverage.

Upcoming Events
Fish Fry July 19
Vision for the Valley (Harvard to mouth) initiative to imagine what the nav channel land use might look like. Sponsored by NOACA TLCI w/ CLE, CMP, Port, Flats Forward. Public input events listed on website.
September 10-12: Great Lakes AOC Conference @ Windows on the River

Cuyahoga AOC Committee 2019 Meeting Schedule:
Oct 8, 9am (Trailside Program Center, Brecksville Reservation, Cleveland Metroparks)

Adjourn – Motion by Hughes, second by Stoll. All ayes