

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
BUILDING #7 – CONFERENCE ROOM
MEETING 2-18
April 9, 2018**

Committee Members/(Alts) Present

Dan Bricmont, (Chair), Bricmont Law
Jeanne Clark, ALCOSAN
Rachel Filippini, GASP
Steven Hvozdoovich, Clean Water Action
Robert Orchowski, Hillcrest Group
John Palmiere, Allegheny County Council

Others Present

Zacary Barber, Penn Environmental
Lee Ann Briggs, SBOC/EMAP
Mark Donatelli, Retired US Steel
Steve Hepler, DEP
Brian Joos, Citizen
Matt Mehalik AQC
Larry Simmons, Citizen
Carol Wivell, P2E/ Citizen

Committee Members/ Not Present

Chip Babst, Babst, Calland (Vice Chair)
Sara Marie Baldi, Salvation Army
Michael Corcoran, PPG
Mark Jeffrey, US Steel

ACHD Members Present

Sandra Etzel
Allason Holt
Jayme Graham
Jim Kelly
Karen M Sagel
Ron Sugar
Jason Willis

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Dan Bricmont called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

Action: A quorum was present. All in attendance made their introduction.

2. Approval of Minutes October 16, 2017

Action: Moved by Jeanne Clark 2nd by Steve Hvozdoovich with the wording of section VI was changed to delete “Jim recently discovered” and change it to “the county needs to have a third party audit.”

3. Subcommittee Reports:

A. Criteria Pollutant/Air Monitoring Subcommittee – Sandra Etzel presented the report for Coleen M Davis. The meeting was postponed due to snow and will be April 18th. Topics that will be discussed will be monitoring updates, 2019 annual network monitoring plan, the SIP, and the new SODAR Syntax

B. Pollution Prevention/Education Subcommittee – Rachel Filippini reported the subcommittee met March 15, 2018. The first thing was a poster judging contest on the subject Healthy Environment, Healthy Body. The winners are displayed in the hall as you come in. Sara Marie Baldi, who is on the Air Advisory Committee but came as a representative of the Salvation Army, to express the concern of people who rely on sole source heating and the dependency on wood burning fireplaces

and stoves within the home. Discussed an additional mailing to municipalities to get out additional information on the health effects of wood smoke and open burning. Recommended no burn days on strong inversion days is on hold until the new website is launched. And, they brainstormed ideas for outreach programs for the 2018/2019 year.

The next will be May 17, 2018, at 1:30 PM.

- C. **Regulation Subcommittee** – Robert Orchowski reported the committee did not meet. They hope to meet before the next Advisory Meeting as there have been proposed changes to Article XXI.

4. **Clean Air Fund**

- a. Request for \$66,000 for Building 1 project oversight – Ron Sugar or Jim Kelly
Ron and Jim requested the final cost of the project oversight. Ron explained how the cost of the building has been revisited and the cost of the renovation will be reviewed by two other companies to assure the cost will be valid.

Moved by John Seconded by Jeanne.

Bob said he has mentioned it before that he wished the CAF wasn't going to be used for this, but it is an absolutely vital thing that needs to be done and supports the motion. Dan agreed, and John said they are doing a great job they way they are handling the oversight on this project. Rachel feels that it has not been explored for other ways to fit this into the county budget and not use CAF. Rachel questions what happened to the funds of a building that was sold previously and if that could be applied to these renovations. Jeanne commented that she feels it is time to give county workers a safe and updated place to work.

Approved by Jeanne, Bob, John, and Dan. Opposed by Rachel and Steve

- b. 5% for operating funds of 2018 – Jayme Graham explained the budget of the operating costs for Air Quality. She gave updated expenses and funds. She is asking for permission to spend the previously discussed funding and will give a full accounting at the end of the year.

Motioned by Jeanne 2nd by John unanimous approval

John Palmiere left at 6:30 PM

Rob suggested that an answer to Rachel's question as to where the money went from the building that was sold be answered at the next meeting. Jayme explained that although one building was sold another was bought but will try to find out more details for the next

meeting. Jim brought up that by the deed of the Clack Center, none of the buildings are ever permitted to be sold.

5. **Priorities for Clean Air Fund Requests for Proposals – a discussion – Jayme Graham and Allason Holt** – The Committee offered suggestions on how to score projects and how to allocate funds.
6. **Certification of existing VOC regulations for Ozone RACT – Tom Lattner** - Tom explained the definition of RACT and what Air Quality is required to do for this. As part of RACT, ACHD must provide a certification that the existing regulations satisfy the EPA’s “Control Technique Guidelines.” Jim explained that whenever the EPA revises rules and Allegheny County now has a non-attainment area, Air Quality has to show they have updated their rules to address these issues. We are late submitting this certification, but we need to show that our regs are adequate. Request to go to the Board of Health for permission to submit for public comment to say we have reviewed all our regulations against the list of control technique guidelines and we have incorporated them all into our regulations. The Air Quality department will later be coming back again to the Advisory Committee for RACT plans that are not based on CTGs.

Moved by Jeanne Clark 2nd by Steve Hvozdoch passed unanimously

7. **Report of the Air Program – Jayme Graham** – A finding of failure was filed against Allegheny County due to the PM 2.5 SIP still not being submitted and now considered late, ACHD has 18 months to complete the SIP and have it submitted. Jayme is more than confident that this will be completed within the allotted time and submitted.
8. **Other Business/Citizen Comments**

Mark Donatelli – addressed his concern where will the residents of Allegheny County will get their electrical power from if Beaver Power station is closed down.

Carol Wivell - addressed what Sara Marie to the Pollution Prevention and Education subcommittee about residents of Allegheny County that live with wood burning as a sole source of home heating and would like to suggest that Allegheny County Health Department look into ways of helping these residents update their heating sources as it contributes greatly to the air quality of Allegheny County.

10. **Adjournment**

The meeting concluded at 06:59 pm. Jeanne moved to adjourn and Robert Orchowski seconded the motion. The next meeting is June 11, 2017 at 5:30 pm. [Ed. Note: the June 11 meeting was later cancelled.]

Draft Minutes transcribed by: Karen M Sagel
Draft Minutes approved by: Jayme Graham