

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
BUILDING #7 – CONFERENCE ROOM
MEETING – 7- 19
December 9, 2019 - 5:30 PM**

Committee Members/(Alts) Present

Dan Bricmont, (Chair), Bricmont Law
Chip Babst, Babst, Calland (Vice Chair)
Sara Marie Baldi, Salvation Army
Jeanne Clark, ALCOSAN
Michael Corcoran, PPG
Mark Jeffrey, US Steel
Steven Hvozdoovich, Clean Water Action
Rachel Filippini, GASP

Committee Members/ Not Present

Robert Orchowski, Hillcrest Group
John Palmiere, Allegheny County Council
Richard Schwartz

Others Present

Joe Angelelli, One Tree Per Chile/Tree PGH
Jeff Bergman, WPC
Sam Boyarsky
Lee Ann Briggs, SBAC/EMAP
Stephen Hepler, PA DEP
Christine Graciano, Plant Five for Life
Kelsey Krepps, Penn Future
Ned Mulcahy, GASP

ACHD Members Present

Jeff Bailey
Sandra Etzel
Jayme Graham
Jim Kelly
Karen M Sagel
Brandon Turley

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. Chair's Remarks – Dan Bricmont – No comments were made at this time.

3. Approval of Minutes August 26th meeting

Action: Moved by Steven Hvozdoovich 2nd by Jeanne Clark - unanimous.

4. Subcommittee Reports:

A. Criteria Pollutant/Air Monitoring Subcommittee – Jayme Graham – Met November 14, 2019. The earlier NO_x EPA audit failure was the EPA's error, which was confirmed during a re-audit. There was no ozone exceedance to date in 2019. Three PM 2.5 exceedances at the Liberty Monitor; and four SO₂ exceedances at the Liberty Monitor, and two at the North Braddock Monitor (no exceedances after the fire repairs were completed).

Next meeting is February 4, 2020 at 1:00 PM

B. Pollution Prevention and Education Subcommittee – Rachel Filippini – Met November 21, 2019. There was a review of the Municipal Half Day Workshop that was held the week prior. There were 10 attendees, not a great attendance but of those who did attend it was greatly received. There are plans to do this again in the

future. When the group meets again on January 16th, they will be discussing how to grow the subcommittee and ideas to work on next.

The next meeting is January 16, 2020

Dan Bricmont asked if we could be a part of the League of Municipalities in Seven Springs, Jayme confirmed that we have been contacted and are now on the agenda for that in April.

- C. **Regulation Subcommittee** – Sandra Etzel – Met November 12, 2019. Updated Regulations in Progress form. Will be working on how changes in regulations are recorded publicly, need to address Risk Management changes, addressed comments to the Reg Fee changes, at the end of the meeting Brian Joos presented suggested changes to the Open Burning Regulations.

The next meeting was not noted

5. **Commercial Fuel Oil Sulfur Limitation Regulations (SIP 91) – Recommend for Final Approval**– Sandra Etzel – Asking for the Committee to recommend for the Board of Health Final Approval. There were no public comments during the public comment period, one comment was received after the comment period but cannot be accepted. Still waiting on the final State changes, they were originally going to have this be effective 60 days after final approval but have changed that date to September 1, 2020 so the ACHD has changed theirs as well to be consistent with the State. A source can use up what is in their tank until September first but cannot purchase after that date.

Action: Moved by Jeanne Clark 2nd by Sara Marie Baldi – unanimous.

6. **Removal of Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) regulation – Recommend sending to Public Comment** - Sandra Etzel – Requesting to remove the regulations, the EPA is removing their regulations as well. The control has already been removed from the SIP.

Action: Moved by Chip Babst 2nd by Jeanne Clark – unanimous.

7. **Clean Air Fund Requests – Brandon Turley** – Gave a review of Clean Air Funds for the year, what they were used for and the affect they had on the County.

Clean Air Fund Management – Request \$24,765 application for hiring a contracted employee to review, manage, and promote the Clean Air Fund.

Action: Moved by Jeanne Clark 2nd by Sara Marie Baldi – unanimous.

Southwestern PA Air Quality Partnership \$25, 000 per year for three years, 2012, 2022, 2023 – This is a program that has been funded by the Clean Air Fund for several years. Brandan gave a review of what the organization does and what they offer to Southwestern

Pennsylvania. Previously this has been approved in two and three packets, there is an increase in the request because they have had a reduction in funding from other sources. This organization is run by all volunteers with the exception of one part time accountant.

Action: Moved by Rachel Filippini, 2nd by Jeanne Clark – unanimous.

Southwestern PA Air Quality Partnership – Lawnmower Exchange Program – Request \$25,000.– This is a program ran by the SPAQP each year to buy back gas-powered lawnmowers in exchange for electric powered lawnmowers. The Clean Air Fund has supported this for the past several years. It will be recommended that this funding is used for the exchange program and less advertising.

Action: Moved by Mark Jeffrey 2nd by Chip Babst – unanimous.

Pittsburgh Regional and Engineering Fair – request \$7,500 (\$7,500 from Clean Air Fund and \$7,500 from Environmental Health Fund) – This requested funding will support the fair for three years, \$2500 from each of the funds for three years. This is a sponsorship for the event by the Clean Air Fund, a check will be sent to the Carnegie Science Center, made out to the Science Center with a memo that it is to sponsor the science fair.

Action: Moved by Chip Babst 2nd by Mark Jeffrey – unanimous.

Pittsburgh Regional Future City Competition – request \$9,000. (\$3,000 per year for 3 years) This requested funding will support the competition for three years, \$3000 from the fund for three years. This is a sponsorship for the event by the Clean Air Fund, a check will be sent to the Carnegie Science Center, made out to the Science Center with a memo that it is to sponsor the competition.

Action: Moved by Chip Babst 2nd by Mark Jeffrey – unanimous.

There were several requests submitted to the Committee regarding tree planting. One Tree Per Child, Western PA Conservancy, and Plant Five For Life. Bob Orchowski's remarks were read by Jayme Graham from an email he sent regarding these requests. After reviewing each request individually, because the applications were similar in request and some errors were discussed the vote for recommendation was tabled until individual clarity could be shown or a willingness to work together on the similar projects.

Action: Jeanne Clark motioned to be tabled until next meeting, Sara Marie Baldi seconded. Chip Babst left at 6:47 pm giving his vote of tabling all three requests.

FINAL VOTE TO TABLE: IN FAVOR: Chip Babst, Sara Marie Baldi, Jeanne Clark, Michael Corcoran OPPOSED: Dan Bricmont, Mark Jeffrey, Steven Hvozdoovich, Rachel Filippini NO ABSTENTIONS.

The recommendation to the Board of Health will be that the Board not address these requests until the Air Advisory Committee has the chance to review the requests again in February.

8. **Report of the Air Quality Program – Jayme Graham** - The Air Quality Program is hiring for a new head of Monitoring and a new head of Enforcement. Interviews for Enforcement will be this month, Monitoring will be the beginning of next year. The Health Department has hired a new attorney bringing the total up to five, Lizzy Rubenstein has joined us doing Right to Know Requests. There are several settlements and enforcement actions that she can't speak to as of right now because they are still in progress. There will be some changes to the settlement with US Steel over the enforcement actions during 2018 and 2019, and there are some large asbestos enforcement actions going on right now.

We did not vote on the meeting dates for next year but the next meeting will be held February 10, 2020

9. **Other Business/Citizen Comments** – Sam Boyarsky he was asked by one of his coworkers who is leaving Pittsburgh because of the air quality and they would like to express that concern.

10. **Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment**

The meeting concluded at 07:23 pm. Jeanne Clark moved to adjourn, and Sara Marie Baldi seconded the motion. The next meeting is February 10, 2020 at 5:30 pm.

Draft Minutes transcribed by: Karen M Sagel

Draft Minutes approved by: Jayme Graham

*All power points and handouts available upon request.