



Minutes

Welcome & Introductions

Meiring Borchers welcomes the group to his Garfield Heights Library.

Attendance: See spreadsheet below.

Introduction & Community Updates

Chris Vild - Working with Meiring on developing a pollinator habitat in Beachwood Park east of Green Road.

Councilman Pruitt - Happy that we were able to complete the Kerruish Park conceptual plan and looking forward to restoring that section of Mill Creek in the near future.

Pat Salemi - Garfield Heights acquired the former Ceo's tavern at the corner of Warner Road and Garfield Boulevard. Part of the property includes a stone home built in the early 1800s, although the actual year is disputed by different printed articles. The city hopes to save the home and refurbish it. The additions to the building which include a bar and restaurant space will be demolished with funds we received from the county specifically for tearing down vacant/abandoned structures. The bar has not been operated for several years. The home is located at the beginning/end of the new Mill creek trail that is being constructed along Warner Road. We previously spoke to Cleveland Metroparks planners about transferring the property to them, but they are not interested at this time and do not want to be in the restoration business. The former owner is in the process of moving out. She has until March 21, according to a release agreement we negotiated with her to avoid eviction.

Deborah Prater - Harvard CDC to host the 2016 River Sweep meeting for the Johnston Mill Run River Sweep on March 17th. In 2015 they had 160 plus volunteers participate in the event. This year they plan to partner with the Cleveland Clinic and link other programs such as Healthy Eating and Healthy Living Programs with the River Sweep event in May.

Chrissy Komer - said that received a \$1.7 million dollar grant from Clean Ohio to purchase 180 acres of property and 20,000 linear feet of stream in Valley View. WCC was instrumental in the process and receiving the funding.

Renato Contipelli - Cuyahoga Hts. will be demolishing buildings on the north side of Bacci Park to make way for the trail as it comes up from the Mill Creek valley at the back of Village Hall. The Village is still very interested in pursuing the idea of getting the 60 acres from Harvard Refuge so the trail can be connected to East 71st Street and Cleveland. The Village will be doing upgrades to the ball fields in 2016 to so try and bring more people to Bacci Park. He was also asking if he could change the location of the Mill Creek sign on corner of Canal Road and 71st Street. Meiring Borchers said that they can change the location that his maps were merely recommendations for places to put the signs but that communities can change locations based on their needs and experiences.

Marlane Wesleyan - Slavic Village is working on a green infrastructure project that have just been completed to its 60% design phase. They will be hosting a River Sweep event again in 2016. This year they will let volunteers repel down the Mill Creek Waterfall and haul trash up from the bottom of the Falls. They will also be removing non-native invasive species along the Morgana Run Trail in early 2016.

Matt Sharver - Updated the group on the f Course restoration project. The project will start in March and will last approximately 10 weeks. Dated the group on the

progress with the Watershed program and reminded communities to sign their agreements with the District so their cost share money could get released and so the District could start doing work in their communities. He also updated the group that the only other larger restoration project planned for the Mill Creek in 2016 would be Cricket Road in Warrensville Heights.

A) Education and Outreach

Meiring Borchers reported back on the 2014 OEEF grant and that all the signs have been delivered. Jane Goodman submitted the final report to Ohio EPA in February 2016.

- A. Meiring Borchers then showed the attendees how to operate the pop-up signs that was made by CRR for the grant. He then gave the following community members their signs. Beachwood, Cleveland, Cuyahoga Heights, Garfield Heights, Highland Hills, Harvard Road Community Development Center, Slavic Village Community Development, and Valley View. The communities not present at the meeting will receive their signs in March, Meiring Borchers will be delivering them to each community.
- B. Meiring Borchers then asked the members to send him any education and outreach work that they would like done in 2016/2017 so he can include it in his work plan and funding plans.

B) Implementation Sub-committee

- Derek Shaver updated members on the Central Lake Erie Basin Watershed Group. Derek will send Project Nomination Forms to members. The members can send projects ranging from, grant applications, conceptual plan development to GIS projects, mapping projects, planning and or project implementation to Derek. Mill Creek will have 200 hours under the 319 Grant and we do not have projects then the 200 hours will go to another watershed group to

implement their projects.

Ask Members to complete the Project Nomination Form

- SW Stenciling 2016

Send Meiring Borchers Locations for stenciling. Looking at doing Stenciling in April 2016 and then again in September 2016. We are looking at doing +_ 200 stormwater catch basins in 2016.

- Harvard Road Refuge. MCWP have been asked to chair the new planning group. Right now we have monthly meetings with over 20 partners, looking at what can be done with the site in the future.

- 2016 Tree Planting Sites

Please send Meiring Locations for Tree plantings in 2016, we can do street trees too but we would like to focus on streams and open space due to the fact that we can get more trees planted for the same amount of money. MCWP will continue to work with City of Cleveland regarding the implementation of their Tree Plan.

C) Funding Sub-committee

- Alignment Sub-committee members Chris Vild and Pat Salemi reported back to Partnership. They asked if anyone had any questions regarding the Q and A from that they received prior to the meeting. No one wanted to read over the Q and A at the meeting and no one had any questions.

Chris Vild, gave a brief history of how we got to this point and Pat Salemi explained how we came to the recommend that MCWP align with West Creek Conservancy.

Renato Contipelli said that Cuyahoga Heights was very happy about the alignment and know that this will be a positive step for MCWP.

Meiring Borchers said that WCC will now be sending out a Resolution of Participation to all the members to sign. As soon as WCC has all the Resolutions of Participation then WCC will file with the State and get all the other mechanisms in place. We want to get this process done by June/July 2016 so please help Derek by getting the Resolutions before your council and adopted in a timely manner so we can get this done before our 2017 Service agreement application with the NEORS.

Next Meeting:

May 18, 2016, Location TBD.

10:30 Adjourn

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