



Minutes

Welcome & Introductions

Meiring Borchers welcomes the group to JFK Eagle Academy.

Attendance: See signin sheet.

Introduction & Community Updates

Meiring asks the partners to introduce themselves as we had three new people in the room.

A) Education and Outreach

Meiring Borchers reported back on the 2014 OEEF.

- A. Meiring Borchers gives the Eagle Academy a popup sign to exhibit at the school so the students can learn more about the Mill Creek Watershed.
- B. Meiring Borchers then asked members if they had any extra signs. Highland Hills had the entry and leaving signs for Beachwood and Shaker respectively. Susan said she would give them to Chris to erect in the proper locations. We have a few extra signs back at the office, Matt said that we should keep them in case already erected signs need to be replaced in the future.

Newsletters

Meiring gave the group an update on the fact that the partnership will be printing a quarterly newsletter. WCC will be giving copies to the library systems to distribute in the watershed. Then all the communities said that they would like 50 printed copies. The following partners also expressed interest:

Slavic Village

Harvard Community Center

Water Pollution Prevention

Cuyahoga County Planning Commission

The group also mentioned that if WCC staff drop off the newsletters then they should have a note stating whose attention they should go to so they do not just end up in the trash. If anyone was missed we asked that you contact Derek Shaver directly to add yourself to the distribution list.

Blog, e-newsletter and social media platform updates

Meiring reminded the group to keep checking the the website, blog and Facebook page for information. He will also be adding day to day notices and announcements to these platforms and not blasting out e-mail.

Elaine asked if there will be a summary document for those who do not have time to view or remember to view the different platforms. Meiring mentioned that there would be a summary in the quarterly e-newsletter that gets e-mailed out so folks can look there to see what they had missed.

Meiring asked if everyone received the last e-newsletter and no one said that they did not. So we finally have everyone on the e-mail list.

Meiring then also informed the group that we will now have posts on Twitter and Instagram under the name @millcreekpartne

River Sweep 2016 Updates

Marlene told the group that they had 60 participants at the event on May 7th. They climbed down the falls and collected all the trash from the base of the falls.

Debra told the group that Harvard Community center had 80 participants at their event in Arthur Johnston Park. They removed 3 dump trucks of trash and twenty tyers from the site.

Y.O.U. program for 2016

Meiring said that he scheduled six events over June and July with the group. Kristen gave the group a summary of what the group does and what the aim is of the project. Elaine price asked if the students can make short videos of their stream cleanups and other activities. Matt explained that he had also asked the program coordinator to look at having the students do riparian canopy assessment while they are working along Mill Creek. This information will then be given to CCP and added to the Green Print.

Corporate Outreach and Pitchbook development

Meiring informed the group that he was working on developing a Pitchbook that partners could use to introduce the organization with to corporate groups and or other possible funders and or contributors. Meiring is trying to have the pitchbook done by July. Pat asked if Mill Creek could work an event at the Garfield Civic Center on August 27th from 1-6 pm. Warrensville Heights would like Mill Creek to present at their summer fest on August 19 - 20. Ward 1 in Cleveland will have a Expo on August 27th and would like to have Mill Creek there too.

B) Implementation Sub-committee

Central Lake Erie Basin Project

Meiring updated the group that funding have been received from Ohio EPA and that the leaders are busy securing the match funding from foundations. They

hope to kick off the project in July 2016. Mill Creek have submitted projects that the new staff can assist with for up to 200 hours per year.

Designee Forms

Meiring reminded everyone to please send him there designee forms.

Stormwater stenciling

We will be painting 48 storm drains on May 27 at 9 am in Garfield Heights we have 10 student volunteers from Cleveland State University who will be coming to help us stenciled “Lake Erie Starts Here”. Andrea asks if the Cleveland Metroparks might have a stenciling program. Matt said that the “Lake Erie Starts Here” campaign is part of the PIPE groups work so many groups in the region. Meiring will be sending out a request for future stenciling locations in the watershed.

Harvard Road Refuge updates

Meiring gave a brief updated on the work that have been completed by the Ohio EPA contractors completed installing the new passive methane extraction system. The receiver have requested to sell the homes and we are awaiting a judgement from the judge on the matter. The planning group will be meeting again on May 26th at 2 pm at the Cuyahoga Solid Waste District's office. Rebato mentions that the legal counsels for all communities will be having a conference call with the Ohio EPA and US EPA on 5/19 to discuss possible convenience not to sue documents for potential new owners of the site. Meiring mentions that he has created signs to be placed around the site warning people that the site is closed. He will ask Derek for some funding to sponsor the printing of the signs at the site.

2016 Tree Planting

- Highland Hills Golf Course Planting will be on June 17th, we will be planting over 250 trees and shrubs. Then there will be a 2nd planting at the site in late October when we will plant a 1000 live stakes at the site.
- Fall planting sites being selected and we will be submitting for funding in August 2016.

C) Funding Sub-committee

- Alignment Report by Sub-committee
Chris Vild and PAt Salmi reported back on the findings from the sub-committee and asked the partners if they wanted to go over the documents and the Q&A document. Renato said that he was ok with the sub-committee's work and moved to approve the material and move forwards with finalizing the alignment between WCC and MCWP.
- Meiring reported that he would apply for the Dominion/WRLC grant again this year, and that he was looking for a project site to plant trees and shrubs again.
- Meiring reported that MCWP and WCC would be applying again in October for the service agreement to be refunded between WCC?MCWP and NEORSD. He would be looking for projects from members to make sure that the Mill Creek work lines up with the needs that the NEORSD has in their service areas,

Next Meeting:

September 14, 2016, Location TBD. 10:50 a.m. Adjourn