

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
BUILDING #7 – CONFERENCE ROOM
August 14, 2023 - 5:30 PM**

Committee Members Present

Dan Bricmont, (Chair), Bricmont Law (in person)
Chip Babst, (Vice Chair), Babst Calland (TEAMS)
Sara Marie Baldi, Salvation Army (in person)
Anna Batista, High Street Consulting (TEAMS)
Jeanne Clark, ALCOSAN (TEAMS)
Steven Hvozdoch, Clean Water Action (TEAMS)
Mark Jeffrey, US Steel (in person)
Courtney Maronich Vita, Friends of the Riverfront (TEAMS)
John Palmiere, Allegheny County Council (TEAMS)

Committee Members Not Present

Mary Ann Bucci, Port Commission
Michael Corcoran, PPG
Robert Orchowski, Hillcrest Group
Anna Siefken, CMU

Participants Present

Lee Ann Briggs, SBAC/EMAP (in person)
Annie Fox, Clean Air Council (TEAMS)
Amanda Gillooly, GASP (TEAMS)
Stephen Hepler, DEP (TEAMS)
Gary Hitchins, SRCOG (in person)
Brian Joos, Citizen (TEAMS)
Ned Mulcahy, GASP (in person)
Carol Wivell, Citizen (TEAMS)
Tishie Woodwell, USS (TEAMS)
Ken Zapinski, PG Works (in person)

ACHD Staff Present

Patrick Dowd, ACHD (in person)
Sandy Fischer, ACHD (TEAMS)
Tom Lattner, ACHD (in person)
Jason Maranche, ACHD (in person)
Geoffrey Rabinowitz, ACHD (in person)
Karen M Sagel, ACHD (in person)
Brendan Turley (in person)

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Chair Bricmont called the meeting to order at 5:37 PM.

A quorum was present.

Introductions were made.

2. Chair's Remarks – The Chair had no remarks

3. Approval of Minutes June 13, 2022, meeting:

Action: Councilmember Palmiere moved to approve the minutes from June 13, 2022. Ms. Baldi seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously passed.

Approval of Minutes August 8, 2022, meeting:

Action: Councilmember Palmiere moved to approve the minutes from August 8, 2022. Ms. Maronich Vita seconded the motion. Ms. Clark abstained. The minutes were unanimously passed.

Approval of Minutes December 12, 2022, meeting:

Action: Councilmember Palmiere moved to approve the minutes from December 12, 2022. Mr. Jeffrey seconded the motion. Ms. Maronich Vita abstained. The minutes were unanimously passed.

Approval of Minutes February 13, 2023, meeting:

Action: Councilmember Palmiere moved to approve the minutes from February 13, 2023. Mr. Jeffrey seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously passed.

Approval of Minutes March 13, 2023, meeting:

Action: Councilmember Palmiere moved to approve the minutes from March 13, 2023. Ms. Baldi seconded the motion. The minutes were passed by a vote of 7 to 2. Mr. Babst, Ms. Baldi, Ms. Batista, Ms. Clark, Mr. Hvozdoch, Ms. Maronich Vita, Councilmember Palmiere voted to approve. Chair Bricmont and Mr. Jeffrey voted to not approve.

Approval of Minutes April 10, 2023, meeting:

Action: Councilmember Palmiere moved to approve the minutes from April 13, 2023. Ms. Baldi seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously passed with the correction to the spelling of Rachel Filippini's name.

4. Subcommittee Reports

No reports were given as no subcommittees have met since the last meeting. Mr. Lattner provided updates on the Regulations Status Table. The scheduling of the next subcommittee meetings will be discussed later in the meeting.

5. Clean Air Fund Projects – Dr. Rabinowitz presented the Clean Air Fund requests to the Air Pollution Advisory Committee for recommendation to advance them to the Board of Health for funding.

- a. Tree Pittsburgh (both requests in one vote Woodland Hills School District and Steel Valley School District not to exceed \$46,000 each) - Councilmember Palmiere moved to approve the request. Mr. Jeffrey seconded the motion. The request was unanimously passed.
- b. Steel River COG (not to exceed \$750,000) – Mr. Jeffrey moved to approve the request. Councilmember Palmiere seconded the motion. The request was unanimously passed.
- c. West Mifflin Borough (not to exceed \$748,339) - Councilmember Palmiere moved to approve the request. Mr. Jeffrey seconded the motion. The request was unanimously passed.
- d. Swissvale Brought (not to exceed \$660,000) – Councilmember Palmiere moved to approve the request. Ms. Baldi seconded the motion. The request passed in a

vote of 8-1 Chair Bricmont, Mr. Babst, Ms. Baldi, Ms. Clark, Ms. Hvozdoich, Mr. Jeffrey, Ms. Maronich Vita, Councilmember Palmiere voted to approve. Ms. Batista voted to not approve.

6. **SO₂ Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan, 2010 NAAQS: Review ahead of Public Comment** – Mr. Maranche presented the draft SO₂ redesignation request that was going to be sent out for public comment starting on August 15, 2023.
7. **Discussion of incorporating a secretary officer within the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee** – Chair Bricmont deferred this until the next meeting when Mr. Orchowski and other members can be present for the discussion.
8. **Program Update** – Mr. Maranche provided a summary of the activity of the Program since the last meeting. With regard to the Pollution Prevention and Education and the Criteria Pollutant and Monitoring Subcommittees, they will now be convened on a as needed basis and will no longer meet with a set bimonthly schedule. The Regulation Subcommittee will continue to meet as scheduled until further notice. If the Chair or the members of the Advisory have topics that they feel should go through a subcommittee, they can request that the applicable subcommittee meet. As much notice as viable will be given to members and the public to be able to attend. The Subcommittee reports will be removed from the agenda unless a subcommittee has met. The Air Quality program also agreed in principle to have two general update meetings per year to continue to elicit public participation and involvement.
9. **Other Business/ Citizen Comments-**
 - Ken Zapinski PGH Works– clarification on exactly when the subcommittees will now meet.
 - Ned Mulcahy from GASP– clarification on exactly when the subcommittees will now meet.
 - Carol Wivell Citizen – requested follow-up on the 25% from the Clean Air Fund regulation change.
 - Steve Hepler – brought up an example of access for the stakeholders to the subcommittees to bring their issues up through the subcommittees to the committee. He encouraged the Program to give adequate notice for all meetings that Stakeholders can attend. Steve also explained the benefit of both the Regulation Subcommittee and the Criteria Subcommittee as it is a valuable tool to help preview regulations to be able to have information to help the process at the State level.
 - Jay Ting Walker - Clean Air Council believes that proposed projects that would be funded by the Clean Air Fund should be available for public review without a right-to-know request. They also asked whether the September 14th hearing on the SO₂ maintenance plan will have virtual access.

10. Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment

Action: Chair Bricmont moved to adjourn, and everyone seconded the motion. The meeting concluded at 7:06 PM.

Next Meeting: October 2, 2023, at 5:30 PM