

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
BUILDING #7 – CONFERENCE ROOM
MEETING – 5-20
December 14, 2020 - 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
Rachel Filippini, GASP
Steven Hvozdoovich, Clean Water Action
Mark Jeffrey, US Steel
Robert Orchowski, Hillcrest Group

Others Present

Lew Benson, Communities First Sewickley
Lee Ann Briggs, SBAC/EMAP
Mark Dixon, Citizen
Amanda Gillooley, GASP
Steve Hepler, DEP
Brain Joos, Citizen
Ned Mulcahy, GASP
Leah Nicolich-Henkin, Citizen
Sean Nolan, DEP
Christian Pelfrey, Citizen
Joshua Schneider, Sunrise Movement
Jay Ting Walker, Clean Air Council
Carol Wievell, Citizen
Linda Wingington, ROCUS
Dave Wohlwilll, Port Authority
Ken Zapinski, Pittsburgh Works Together

Committee Members/ Not Present

John Palmarie
Richard Schwartz

ACHD Members Present

Jeff Bailey
Sandra Etzel
Jayme Graham
Jim Kelly
Tom Lattner
Jason Maranche

- 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 October 2020 meeting** – approved with changes to complete the sentence item 4 number C.

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

4. Sub Committee Reports:

- A. **Criteria Pollutant/Air Monitoring Subcommittee** – Coleen Davis – Coleen was unable to attend Jason Maranche gave the update. Briefly went over monitoring and data updates, Since the last meeting there was an additional exceedance of SO₂ in North Braddock but are still expecting attainment at the North Braddock site. We will not be in attainment at the East Liberty site by the end of this year, but it is expected that by the end of 2021 there should be monitor attainment for the Liberty monitor. No further Ozone exceedances. It is expected that all sites will be in attainment for the second consecutive year. There were three exceedances in 2020 for PM_{2.5} in November at the Liberty Monitor then the Avalon Monitor. These are values in the high 30s mid 40s range. Although Covid has had an impact on the Air Quality of the region the County was already well on the way to attainment even without the help of the reduction of pollutants from the Covid Epidemic. The PM 2.5 SIP is still under review at the EPA, there is still additional information that will be included to reflect the information from 2021. PM 10 Limited Maintenance Plan that will be addressed later in the agenda.

The next meeting is February 2, 2021 at 10:30 AM

- B. **Pollution Prevention and Education Subcommittee** – Rachel Filippini – Last met on November 19th and at that meeting we were joined by the PADEP as well as the National Weather Service because the discussion was about the Air Quality Index and forecasted Air Quality Action Days. David Good gave a presentation on the new Air Toxics Study the Department plans to start. Talked about changes coming to the website to better convey information to the public. This will be an ongoing discussion as the subject progresses in creation.

The next meeting is January 21, 2021 at 1:30 PM

- C. **Regulation Subcommittee** – Bob Orchowski – A virtual meeting on December 8th had a very high level of attendance. Bob reviewed the Regulations In Progress Table. The Risk Management Plan will be discussed later in the agenda.

The next meeting is January 26, 2021.

5. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair for 2021 – Jamey Graham

Nomination for Chair – Dan Bricmont

Action: Moved by Chip Babst seconded by Jeanne Clark -Unanimous.

Nomination for Vice Chair – Chip Babst

Action: Moved by Dan Bricmont 2nd by Jeanne Clark – Unanimous.

- 6.. **Setting meeting dates for 2021** – Karen M Sagel – Dates suggested February 8, April 12, June 7, August 9, October 19, December 13, 2021

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

7. **PM-10 Maintenance SIP** – Jason Maranche – Gave a presentation reviewing the information of the Plan and is requested a recommendation to go to the BOH. Bob asked at what point do the maintenance plan requirements go away. Jason answered he believes through the end of December 2023, but there would still be a monitoring standard required.

Action: Moved by Bob Orchowski, 2nd by Rachel Filippini – Unanimous.

Risk Management Plan – Tom Lattner – Gave a presentation explaining the changes being made to the Risk Management Plan and is requesting a recommendation to the BOH. Both Jayme and Bob gave additional clarification of information.

Action: Moved by Bob Orchowski, 2nd by Jeanne Clark – Unanimous.

8. **Targeted Airshed Grant – Port Authority Buses** – Jayme Graham – explained the EPA Grant Request for the Port Authority of Allegheny County. The request was for \$5,650.00 and the reward granted was \$5,666,950. The Health Department will manage the grant for the Port Authority. Dave Wohlwilll of the Port Authority thanked the Health Department for all help they gave. He clarified their project The Bus Rapid Transit Project is purposing 15 electric buses so this will get them at least half. There will also both fast chargers and slow chargers installed to provide charging terminals for the new buses. These buses will be dedicated use in the Rapid Transit Corridor (Downtown, Uptown, Oakland, onto the Bus Way and up to Wilksburg). Tom Lattner was given a lot of credit for the work he put into getting these grants. Bob asked Dave about the reliability in technology of the Port Authority going from 40 ft buses to 60 ft buses. Dave answered there is only one manufacture of the 60 ft buses, New Flyer. They came into Pittsburgh 2 years ago and demonstrated the 60 ft coach and the Port Authority felt it they worked just as well as the 40 ft coach. Bob also asked how the rout these buses would be used on was determined. Jayme responded the Department contacted several agencies that would have been eligible for this grant and asked if they had a project that would apply. This is the one that the Port Authority brought to them.

9. **Report of the Air Program** – Jayme Graham – The Episode Plan was discussed as it is still in development. Still working on software updates. The work group for the software is working on completing the request of the Clean Air Fund. The hope is that all Grant Applications will now be available online in a simplified procedure making it easier for Grant Request Submissions.

There has been some reorganization in the Air Quality Department. We have hired Allason Holt back and she is now heading up our new Inspection Group. The Coke Oven Inspectors, Asbestos Inspectors and Complaint Inspectors have all been put in one group who she now over sees. Rachel asked about the Clean Air Fund Request and if the Advisory Committee would have the opportunity to review the request before it was taken to the BOH. Jayme feels she should be able to provide the committee with that information before they take it to the BOH for review.

- 10. Other Business / Citizen Comments** - Joshua Schneider, Sunrise Movement asked if the monitoring exceedances of the PM 2.5 which were in the “code red” range would be addressed at this meeting or a future meeting. Jayme said that information is usually discussed in the Criteria and Monitoring Subcommittee and gave an explanation of what happened those days and how the Department investigates these events. These exceedances were not expected to affect the Federal Attainment.

Christian Pelfrey – Asked about the Grants and if they are managed by the Advisory. Jayme explained that Grants are approved by the BOH and grants are managed by the Air Advisory. Requestors must submit agreements with the county how the money will be spent, and the Department keeps check on that.

Sean Nolan – offered to do a presentation oh how the weather affects the Liberty Monitor. Jayme will take that into consideration. Steve Hepler suggested that Tony Sadar, the Department’s meteorologist, would be helpful in that presentation as well. Jayme reminded all that this topic is discussed more in depth during the Criteria and Monitoring Subcommittee if they would like to attend that.

11. Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment

The meeting concluded at 06:50 PM

The next meeting is February 8, 2021 at 5:30 pm.

Action: Moved by Jeanne Clark, 2nd by Bob Orchowski – Unanimous.

Draft Minutes transcribed by: Karen M Sagel

Draft Minutes approved by: Jayme Graham

*All power points and handouts available upon request.