

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
BUILDING #7 – CONFERENCE ROOM  
MEETING – 5-21  
October 18, 2021 - 5:30 PM**

**Committee Members/(Alts) Present**

Dan Bricmont, (Chair)  
Chip Babst (Vice Chair)  
Sara Marie Baldi  
Jeanne Clark  
Michael Corcoran  
Steven Hvozdoovich  
Mark Jeffrey  
John Palmiere  
Anna Siefken

**Committee Members Not Present**

Mary Ann Bucci  
Bob Orchowski

**Others Present**

John Bailey, GASP  
Coleen Davis, US Steel  
Amanda Gillooly, GASP  
Chris Harden, US Steel  
Steve Hepler, DEP  
Brain Joos, Citizen  
Ned Mulcahy, GASP  
Sean Nolan, DEP  
Jay Ting Walker, Clean Air Council  
Michael Winek, Babst Calland  
Carol Wivell, Citizen  
Ken Zapinski, PGH Works Together

**ACHD Members Present**

Jayme Graham  
Tom Lattner  
Vijyalakshmi Patel  
Karen M Sagel

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** – The chair had no remarks.
3. **Approval of Minutes August 9, 2021 meeting** – approved with no changes.  
**Action:** Moved by John Palmiere 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Jeffrey – unanimous

**4. Sub Committee Reports:**

- A. Criteria Pollutant/Air Monitoring Sub-Committee** – Coleen Davis reported that the sub-committee met October 12, 2021. State Improvement Plan (SIP) update: PM2.5 currently has clean data and the SIP has a conditional approval from the EPA, which is waiting for contingency measures. The ACHD Air Quality program is discussing next steps with the EPA. The first option is to pursue contingency measures that are approvable under the SIP then submit a redesignation request that also includes a maintenance plan. The second option is to proceed directly to

redesignation and a maintenance plan. A decision is expected from the EPA by the December meeting. ACHD may apply for an “Exceptional Event” only if approval of it is needed for demonstrating attainment. They are rarely given, and none is needed for the PM2.5 attainment. Monitoring update: monitoring site access remains good with good data capture and good air quality data. The ozone season has ended, August 31, with a good data capture. Carbon monoxide monitor at North Braddock update: the Air Quality program still has not received a high range calibration cylinder, that is an issue across the country and will just continue with the cylinder they currently have. The Air Toxic Study in the Mon Valley continues. There are a couple new staff members coming aboard and that should help with the study. The Air Quality program is also applying to use American Rescue Plan money to improve the air monitoring network, for there is money targeted in that plan for air monitoring throughout the country.

The next meeting is December 7, 2021 at 10:30 AM

**B. Pollution Prevention and Education Sub-Committee** – Jayme Graham – Air Quality Ambassador Program update: There were 9 successful candidates and contracts are being finalized. Two are being delayed until January because they currently have existing Clean Air Fund Grants. The group discussed improvements to the website, specifically the dashboard. Sandra Fisher has taken the newly created position of Environmental Health Communications Specialist and the group discussed various community outreach ideas with her. The last topic discussed was increasing membership.

The next meeting is November 18, 2021 at 1:30 PM

Mark Jeffrey requested that the list of Ambassador awardees and the training material given to them be provided to the Committee.

**C. Regulation Sub-Committee** – Tom Lattner – Tom gave a review of the Regulations in Progress Table and updated the group on the current regulations under discussion. The meeting was scheduled for September 21<sup>st</sup> but was cancelled as an item was not ready for the meeting.

The next meeting is November 23, 2021 at 1:30 PM

5. **Regulations: Stage I & II gasoline station controls and RVP fuel regulations – Recommendation to the Board of Health** – Tom Lattner presented the proposed updated regulations for approval to recommend to the Board of Health.

**Action:** Motion to recommend to the Board of Health for Public Comment – Moved by John Palmiere – Seconded by Sara Marie Baldi.

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous approval to recommend to the Board of Health

6. **Clean Air Fund - Request to spend 5% for Operating Costs** – Jayme Graham reviewed the funds used by the ACHD Air Program and requested the committee recommend to the Board of Health spending the allowable 5% of the Clean Air Fund for use by the ACHD Air Program.

**Action:** Motion to recommend to the Board of Health the use of 5% of the Clean Air Fund for Operating Costs – Moved by John Palmiere – Seconded by Jeanne Clark.

Roll Call Vote – Approved unanimous

Chip asked if the Department would accept unsolicited Clean Air Fund applications, as this was the intent of the Clean Air Fund Committee. Jayme said that she would confirm this.

7. **Report if the Air Program** – Jayme Graham – The EPA had proposed a clean data determination for PM 2.5 and the comment period closed with only 3 comments, 2 of them in support of the designation. The Air Quality program expects to have a final clean PM2.5 data determination by the end of the year. The Air Quality program is working diligently to implement new software for Permitting and Enforcement. The Invenergy Permit has been issued by the Department. The Department was granted \$3,760,950.00 for a Target Air Shed Project that is going to go towards a project for waste haulers in the City of Pittsburgh and for electric school buses.

8. **Other Business / Citizen Comments** – Ken Zapinski, PGH Works Together shared the findings of their *Clearing the Air Report* and presented the findings that looked at the PM2.5 and Ozone.

9. **Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment December 13, 2021 at 5:30 PM**

**Action:** Moved to adjournment by Sara Marie Baldi, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chip Babst – Unanimous