

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
BUILDING #7 – CONFERENCE ROOM
August 29, 2022 - 5:00 PM**

Committee Members Present

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

Participants Present

Marc Adams, (TEAMS PHONE)
Zac Barber, Penn Enviro (TEAMS)
Kurt Barshick, US Steel (TEAMS)
Lee Ann Briggs, SBAC/EMAP (TEAMS)
Patrick Campbell, GASP (TEAMS)
Coleen Davis, US Steel (TEAMS)
Mark Dixon, Citizen (TEAMS)
Amanda Gillooly, GASP (TEAMS)
Christopher Hardin, US Steel (TEAMS)
David Hacker, US Steel (TEAMS)
Stephen Hepler, DEP (TEAMS)
Brian Joos, Citizen (TEAMS)
Matthew Mehalik, CMU Breath Project (TEAMS)
Susan Ann Meyers, Citizen (TEAMS)
Ned Mulcahy, GASP (in person)
Jon Olszewski, Citizen (TEAMS)
Dominique Davis Sanders, Braddock Council President, (TEAMS)
Brett Tunno, US Steel (TEAMS)
Carol Wivell, Citizen (TEAMS)
Tishie Woodwell, USS (TEAMS)

Committee Members Not Present

Mary Ann Bucci, Port Commission
Jeanne Clark, ALCOSAN
Michael Corcoran, PPG
Anna Siefken, CMU

ACHD Staff Present

Patrick Dowd, ACHD (in person)
Sherry Golebiewski, ACHD (TEAMS)
Tom Lattner, ACHD (in person)
Karen M Sagel, ACHD (in person)
Wesley Speary, ACHD (in person)
Geoff Rabinowitz, ACHD (in person)

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Dan Bricmont called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

A quorum was present. All in attendance made their introductions

2. Approval of Minutes August 8, 2022, meeting:

The minutes for the meeting of August 8, 2022, were not approved until minor revisions can be reviewed at the next meeting.

Action: Chip Babst moved to defer voting on the meeting minutes until everyone had a chance to review the revisions sent out by committee members. Anna Batista seconded the motion. The committee unanimously agreed to defer the approval of the minutes at this time.

3. Clean Air Fund – ACHD is seeking substantive advice and feedback on the following two action items:

a. Article XXI Revision – Clean Air Fund - Patrick Dowd / Geoff Rabinowitz - A brief presentation provided an overview of the proposed changes and conferred the purpose of the special meeting called by Director Bogen, which was to provide substantive feedback and counsel on the content of the revisions.

The committee had a robust discussion of both the content and process of the proposed changes to Article XXI. The primary comments from the committee concerning the content include the following:

- Request to see the model that ACHD used to arrive at the 25% amount
- Proposed language is somewhat confusing and should be clarified, especially with respect to clearly differentiating between the immediate distribution of 25% and the annual fund balance use of 25% for operational costs associated with the air program.
- The list of included uses of the Clean Air Fund (CAF) by ACHD was confusing.
- A more detailed explanation of how the operational costs have increased and the history of how Article XXI currently allows 5%.
- Better definition of what constitutes operational costs.
- Make sure to differentiate how the work will be from a public health focus and not a regulatory focus.
- Comments on how communities should be more involved.

Action: John Palmiere moved to not recommend this item go to the Board of Health until the proposal is reviewed by the Regulations Subcommittee at the September 20th meeting. Bob Orchowski seconded the motion. The committee voted unanimously to send this request back to the Regulations Subcommittee.

b. **RFP for Clean Air Fund** - Patrick Dowd - provided a brief overview of the RFP (Request For Proposal) process for allocating the funds to support four specific projects: conversion to electric vehicles for local government units, HEPA filter placement in childcare providers, particularly in environmental justice communities, expanding the urban tree canopy project and education and outreach curriculum development. The committee provided the following substantive advice for this action item:

- A consistent application process should be utilized for entities applying to the RFP.
- Expand the HEPA filter project scope to include more than just childcare providers
- Expand the urban tree canopy project to include greenways
- Allow for additional projects later
- Suggestion to not include estimated funded amounts on the items so as to make

the process more competitive

- Use the CAF money for asbestos abatement, urban blight removal, and discarded tire clean-up.
- Focus on Mon Valley communities

The committee also requested additional reporting by ACHD on projects funded by the CAF, to which ACHD agreed to do so.

Action: Mark Jeffery moved to not recommend this item go to the Board of Health until the proposal is reviewed by the Regulations Subcommittee at the September 20th meeting. Seconded by John Palmiere. Those voting in the affirmative were Dan Bricmont, Chip Babst, Sara Marie Baldi, Mark Jeffery, Courtney Maronich Vita, John Palmiere and Jill Vovaris. Those voting in the negative were Steve Hvozdoovich. The motion passed 7 - 1.

4. Adjournment

Action: Dan Bricmont moved to adjourn, and everyone seconded the motion. The meeting concluded at 7:29 PM.