

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
BUILDING #7 – CONFERENCE ROOM  
March 13,2023 - 5:30 PM**

**Committee Members Present**

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

**Committee Members Not Present**

Mary Ann Bucci, Port Commission  
Michael Corcoran, PPG

**Participants Present**

Edith Abeyta, Resident North Braddock (TEAMS)  
Patrick Catena, Allegheny County Council  
President (TEAMS)  
Coleen M Davis, US Steel (TEAMS)  
Matthew Delicero, US Steel (TEAMS)  
Mark Dixon, Citizen (TEAMS)  
Anne Fox, Clean Air Council (TEAMS)  
Quinn Glabicki, Public Source  
Amanda Gillooly, GASP (TEAMS)  
David Hacker, US Steel (TEAMS)  
Chris Harden, US Steel (TEAMS)  
Stephen Hepler, DEP (TEAMS)  
Marty Hochhauser, Citizen  
Brian Joos, Citizen (TEAMS)  
Caroline Mitchell, Board of Health  
Ned Mulcahy, GASP (TEAMS)  
Thaddeus Popovich, ACCAN  
Angelo Taranto, ACCAN (TEAMS)  
Bret Tunno, US Steel (TEAMS)  
Carol Wivell, Citizen (TEAMS)  
Tishie Woodwell, US Steel (TEAMS)  
Ken Zapinski, Pittsburgh Works (TEAMS)

**ACHD Staff Present**

Patrick Dowd, ACHD  
Sandy Fischer, ACHD  
David Good, ACHD  
Kim Joyce, ACHD  
Tom Lattner, ACHD  
Geoff Rabinowitz, ACHD  
Karen M Sagel, ACHD (TEAMS)  
Wesley Speary, ACHD  
Brendan Turley, ACHD  
Jason Willis, ACHD (TEAMS)

**Allegheny County Staff Present**

Brooke Gwin, Allegheny County (TEAMS)  
Jennifer Liptak, Allegheny County  
Stacie Perez, Allegheny County

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

Chair Bricmont called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

A quorum was present. Introductions were made.

## **2. Allegheny County Clean Air Fund Request**

County Manager Jennifer Liptak presented the committee with a detailed explanation of the budget of the Air Quality program, including a review of both the past two years of expenditures and anticipated expenditures. She reviewed for the committee the proposed revisions to Article XXI which, for only a period of four years, would permit the Air Quality Program to request the lesser of up to 25% of the prior year fund balance or \$1.25 million to be used to support normal operating expenses of the program. The proposed amendments include a requirement to provide financial and budget information each year the program makes a request for Clean Air Fund money. The committee and the County Manager discussed various aspects of the proposed amendment after which, the County Manager thanked all of the committee members for their service. The County Manager emphasized that this was the first step in approximately a dozen steps that would be required before any money could be spent. She made clear to the committee that she was here to help and would be attentive to the process the entire way through.

**Action:** Ms. Clark moved to recommend that the Board of Health send the proposed revisions to the public for comment. Ms. Maronich Vita seconded the motion. Chair Bricmont, Mr. Babst, Ms. Marie Baldi, Ms. Batista, Ms. Clark, Ms. Maronich Vita, Mr. Orchowski, Council Member Palmiere voted to approve the recommendation to the Board of Health. Mr. Hvozdoch, Mr. Jeffery, Ms. Siefkin and Ms. Vovaris voted against the recommendation. The final vote was 8 – 4 in favor of the motion.

### **Other: Citizen Comments –**

Brian Joos- Comment on effects of deferring funds and discouragement on communities and groups to apply for Clean Air Funds.

Mark Dixon – Commented on Title V funding concerns, justification for the requested change in Clean Air Fund percentage and a comment about a regulated entity helping by stopping the appeals they file.

Thaddaeus Popovich – On behalf of ACCAN – Discussed desire to have a comprehensive air toxins and odor study for the Neville Island area.

## **3. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date**

**Action:** Chair Bricmont moved to adjourn, and everyone seconded the motion. The meeting concluded at 7:23 PM. The next meeting is April 10, 2023.