



Meeting Summary
Full Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 19, 2008 2:00 p.m.
City of Sharonville, 10900 Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH

Attendees:

Rick Miller	Brian Shemancik	Mary Lynn Lodor
Nate Holscher	Dale Farmer	Richard Ellison
John Menninger	Jeff Steers	Mark Policinski
Warren High	Tony Parrot	Michael Miller
Ward Wilson	Mike Chapman	Jack Cameron
David Snook	Sandy Camargo	John Hunter
Mareen Orringer	Tim Koch	Kevin Reynolds
Leslie Cohen	Tim Thoroughman	Bruce Koehler
Jenny Kilgore	Peter Soltys	Ann Lyon
Gary Heitkamp	David Tracy	James Daiker
Jane Wittke	Brian Bohl	David Ferguson
Janet Teske	Jim Rozelle	Jeffrey Gati
Betsey Kelly	Kim York	Ken Edgell
Bob Boehner	Melanie McNulty	Adam Sackenheim
Pam Simmons	Melanie Brokaw	Bob Knight
Amanda Courtney	John Hunter	Tara Maddock
Tim Huitger	Diantha Decker	

1. Welcome and Introductions – MaryLynn Lodor, Chair

MaryLynn asked everyone to introduce themselves. She also reminded everyone that membership forms were located at the front desk & asked everyone to take a look before they leave.

2. 2007 Program Review - Tara Maddock, Executive Director

Communities are becoming very interested in storm water management options. The Council has received number calls about how tot partner on stream restoration, how to improve the water quality, how to make the watershed better, and how to improve storm water management.

The work in the segment of flood prevention & management is focused around the community rating system. Everyone who holds a flood insurance policy in that community is eligible for a discount.

The Council wants to continue stake holder outreach communication with members. There are a lot of opportunities for partnership in 2008 and the Council wants to make sure they are responsive to the members. This is an ongoing commitment that will be continued in 2008.

In Development & Fundraising, the Carp Diem 5K fundraiser raised just over \$5,000.00 for the Council. This event is scheduled again for September 2008. The Council is also looking to add another fundraising event in the spring.

- *Mill Creek Confluence Project – Warren High, MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, Inc.* Warren commented on the Confluence project. The Confluence project is located north of I-275 and east of I-75, close to the Champion Window Building in Sharonville. This project brought a lot of sponsors together and was funded by OEPA revolving loan program. Butler County & MSD contributed money also. The land is owned by Sharonville. The stream is eroding soil causing high banks and is getting worse with every storm. The goal is to reduce erosion, reduce flooding, improve the water quality & add recreation such as a greenway trail and soccer field.

- *Greater Cincinnati Rain Garden Alliance – Anne Lyon, Greenacres Foundation* Anne Lyon reported on behalf of the Greater Cincinnati Rain Garden Alliance which started in November 2006. Activities in 2007 have consisted of setting up booths, printing a tri-fold brochure about the Rain Garden Alliance, producing a 16-page booklet, conducting a 2 day rain garden workshop at a Cincinnati park, conducting four different seminars over the summer, as well as a train-the-trainer workshop to be able to go out and teach how to build rain gardens.

3. Featured Speaker: Tony Parrott, Director of the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati (MSD), made a presentation on the Wet Weather Improvement Plan and Green Infrastructure BMPs.

4. 2008 Programs and Services (see 2008 Work Plan) – Tara Maddock, Executive Director Tara reported out on proposed projects for 2008. The Council received \$50,000.00 from the Doris Bischoff Estate to go towards building rain gardens. There are three major projects for 2008: Gateway Park in Elmwood Village, Pleasant Ridge Community Center, and Mill Creek Valley Habitat for Humanity.

Concerning development & fundraising, a stable source of income is a concern. There has been a decline in revenue over the last few years. Tara extended an open invitation to any council member who would like to make a plan to stabilize funding & market the council to corporate sponsorships.

5. Council Business Items – MaryLynn Loder, Chair

Financial report was given – as of December 31, 2007 the Council has \$156,000.00. The proposed expenses for 2008 are \$161,000.00. It was reported that some revenue sources have gone away. MSD had to cut their contribution in half. The Council would like to start going after corporate sponsorships.

A motion was made to approve the October 16, 2007 minutes by Richard..., seconded by Mike Miller. The motion passed.

Melanie Brokaw presented the amended bylaws. A motion was made to accept the amended bylaws with formatting changes by Mike Miller, seconded by ...The motion passed.

6. Upcoming Events The following upcoming events were announced:

- US Bank Rain Garden: at Coney Island. Seeking volunteers to help out install the rain garden.
- Colerain Township Rain Grand “Grand Opening”: Date TBA. This event will be funded by the Hamilton County Storm Water District. A 25x53 feet rain garden will be built. This event will target municipal members to show what can be done with public properties.
- City of Springdale Rain Garden Workshop.

7. Other Business:

The City of Lexington has established a rain garden. There will be an open house on February 25, 2008. Miami University Hamilton has also installed a rain garden near their entrance.

“Thanks” was extended to the group that re-wrote the bylaws. Next full council meeting will take place Oct. 21, 2008.

Meeting adjourned.