



Meeting Summary
Full Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 16, 2007 2:00 p.m.
City of Sharonville, 10900 Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH

Attendees:

Melanie Brokaw
Melanie McNulty
Robert Boehner
Marian Orringer
Mike Juengling
Jeffrey Gati
Tara Maddock
Jim Weast
Nathan Holscher
Bruce Koehler

Kimberley York
MaryLynn Loder
Gary Heitkamp
Bob Lentz
John Hunter
Diantha Decker
Cecil Osborn
Jena Lintz
Dale Farmer

1. Welcome and Introductions

Council Chair MaryLynn Loder presented award from Ohio Floodplain Management Association to Richard Ellison of Elmwood Place. The award was the 2007 Innovation in Floodplain Management Award for leadership in protecting floodplain resources through the Community Rating System Program. MaryLynn Loder asked for an update on the CRS program. Tara Maddock, Program Director, responded that the application process was moving forward and discounts for flood insurance premiums for Elmwood Place and City of Reading should take place in April 2008, pending FEMA approval schedule.

2. Administrative Items

- **Review and approval of May 2007 Full Council Minutes**
The minutes from May 2007 were reviewed and a motion to adopt was made by Richard Ellison and a second by Bruce Koehler. The adoption of minutes was passed with unanimous approval.
- **Draft Amended Bylaws** (committee– M. Lodor, B. Koehler, M. Brokaw, C. Osborne, G. Randall)
 - Action: disseminate to full council for vote at February 19, 2008 meeting
 - Summary/Discussion of Proposed Changes
Amended in 2003, but it wasn't a complete version that was recorded. The committee consulted other organization bylaws to include revision of Board, Officers and Executive Committee to include three officers and Board of Trustees. Executive Director will serve as secretary, and thus split the combined secretary/treasurer into two positions. Also, increasing the number of board members up to 20 possible. Other changes include adding a conflict of interest policy.

Please send suggestions or comments to the staff, officers or committee working on the bylaw revisions.

- **2008 Elections**

Slate of Candidates was presented for election. A motion to elect candidates was made by (undecipherable) and a second by Robert Boehner. The slate of candidates were elected to Board of Trustees with unanimous approval.

- **Mill Creek Confluence Project Award Notification – MaryLynn Loder**

Mill Creek Watershed Council of Communities received a \$1.7 million dollar stream restoration grant for work on the Mill Creek Main Stem and East Fork Confluence. The Mill Creek Confluence Project is a collaborative effort lead by the Mill Creek Watershed Council of Communities with support and partnership by Butler County Department of Environmental Services, Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati, and the City of Sharonville. Project funding comes from the Water Resource Restoration Sponsor Program of the Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund, which is administered by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. The grant is funded by a portion of the interest paid by loans for sewer and treatment upgrades taken by MSD and Butler County Department of Environmental Services.

Council staff and board members are working with Warren High of MACTEC Engineering to finalize grant and project scope, and work with partners to finalize contracts with Ohio EPA.

- **Executive Director Report (Glenda Randall)**

- 2008-2010 Fundraising Plan
 - Need to diversify sources of funding
 - Broaden grant applications to public and private foundations
 - Increase revenue from Carp Diem 5K
 - Developing list of potential funding sources
 - See report on file with MCWCC

Recent updates

- Living Green aired August 27; airing on local cable access channels
- New logo and website

- **Program Report (Tara Maddock)**

- Increase in Fee for Service Programs: One example is Reading's Wise on Water Program outreach to businesses for implementing Stormwater BMPs
- Two Major Programs: Flooding and Stormwater Management
- Community Rating System: City of Reading and Village of Elmwood Place Updates
 - Credit for acquiring repetitive loss properties (frequent flooding)
- Greater Cincinnati Rain Garden Alliance; Installations and workshops

- **Guest Speaker: Dale Farmer, Emergency Response On-Scene Coordinator, Ohio EPA**

Topic: *Emergency Spill Response Planning for Mill Creek*

- Partnership with Jim Weast of MSD; and Alliance for Chemical Safety
- Primary targets are the diverse industries or other entities who have a potential for a spill and who would need to contact authorities in the event of a spill
- Want to partner with local organizations to notify public;
- see powerpoint on file with MCWCC

- **Upcoming Events**

- Carp Diem 5k Sunday, October 21, 2007
- Green Acres Rain Garden Workshops
- University of Miami/Hamilton Rain Garden; Butler County Water Festival

- **Schedule of 2008 Meetings**

- **Other Business**

- **Meeting Adjourned at 3:30**