



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY
COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
3:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Simon called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Simon asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Simon, Stephens and Jones were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee members Schron and Conwell were absent. Councilmember Sweeney was also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Stephens and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2023 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2023-0256: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$20,000, to Forget Me Not Animal Rescue for food and medical expenses for rescued animals from the District 3 ARPA Community

Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Naomi Gerace, Communications Director for Forget Me Not Animal Rescue; Ms. Gina Lallo, Founder of Forget Me Not Animal Rescue; and Ms. Nicole Kostelnik, Co-Founder of Forget Me Not Animal Rescue, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0256. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Gerace, Ms. Lallo and Ms. Kostelnik pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2023-0256 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Ms. Simon requested to have her name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.

- b) R2023-0272: A Resolution authorizing the County Executive to enter into a Local Governance Agreement with the City of Cleveland and a to-be-formed non-profit organization to carry out workforce development activities for the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Workforce Development Area; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Michelle Rose, Executive Director of Ohio Means Jobs Cleveland-Cuyahoga County; and Ms. Laura Chalker, Deputy Director of Ohio Means Jobs Cleveland-Cuyahoga County, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0272. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Rose and Ms. Chalker pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2023-0272 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

6. DISCUSSION

- a) Update on bird mitigation at Huntington Convention Center

Mr. Jeffrey Appelbaum, Managing Director of Project Management Consultants, LLC, addressed the Committee regarding strategies for reducing bird strikes at the Huntington Convention Center. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Appelbaum pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

b) Items from September 25, 2023 Board of Control Agenda-BC2023-594:

Dept:	County Executive's Office							
Event:	COP28 UAE Thematic Program							
Source:	The United Nations							
Location:	Dubai, United Arab Emirates							
Staff	Travel Dates	Registration *	Meals **	Lodging **	Ground TRN/ Mileage **	Air ***	Total	Funding Source
Christopher Ronayne	12/01/2023-12/07/2023	\$0.00	\$420.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,300.00	\$4,720.00	General Fund. The Executive's Office is seeking reimbursement using grant funds

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**Staff reimbursement

*** Airfare will be covered by a contract with the County's Travel Vendor

Purpose:

Request to travel to United Nations Climate Conference (COP 28) in Dubai, United Arab Emirates as part of a delegation of leaders from across Cuyahoga County. We plan to attend events at COP28 that focuses on reducing greenhouse gas emissions, designing green urban spaces, protecting our freshwater rivers and lakes, and educating our young people to become better stewards of climate justice efforts.

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Valerie Katz	12/01/2023-12/07/2023	\$0.00	\$420.00	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	\$2,300.00	\$4,320.00	General Fund. The Executive's Office is seeking reimbursement using grant funds

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Ms. Valerie Katz, Deputy Director of the Department of Sustainability; Mr. John Mitterholzer, Program Director for Climate and Environmental Justice for the Gund Foundation; Mr. Michael Chambers, Fiscal Officer; and Ms. Debbie Berry, Deputy Chief of Staff Integrated Development, addressed the Committee regarding funding requests for travel to the United Nations Climate Conference in Dubai, United Emirates. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Katz, Mr. Mitterholzer, Mr. Chambers and Ms. Berry pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Simon adjourned the meeting at 4:38 p.m., without objection.