



## MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2013  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR  
12:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

**Chairman Rogers called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m.**

2. ROLL CALL

**Mr. Rogers asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Rogers, Simon, Germana and Schron were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Connally was absent from the meeting. Councilmember Miller was also in attendance.**

**Per Rule 12F of the County Council Rules, Council President Connally appointed Councilmember Miller as a Member Pro Tem of the Education, Environment & Sustainability Committee.**

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

**No public comments were given.**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 20, 2013 MEETING

**A motion was made by Mr. Germana, seconded by Mr. Schron and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2013 meeting.**

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2013-0260: A Resolution of support of an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of the

Gates Mills Land Conservancy for the conservation of ecologically significant areas along the Chagrin River Watershed and North Chagrin Reservation, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**A motion was made by Mr. Schron, seconded by Mr. Germana and approved by unanimous vote to read Resolutions No. R2013-0260, R2013-0261, R2013-0262, R2013-0263, R2013-0264, R2013-265, R2013-0266, R2013-0267, R2013-0268 and R2013-0269 by short title.**

**Ms. Alison Ball, Special Projects Coordinator; Ms. Sarah Ryzner, Field Director for the Western Reserve Land Conservancy; and Mr. Jeffrey Schiffman, Conservation Project Manager for the Western Reserve Land Conservancy, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2013-0260. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Ball, Ms. Ryzner and Mr. Schiffman pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Schron with a second by Mr. Germana, Resolution No. R2013-0260 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.**

- b) R2013-0261: A Resolution of support of an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of the West Creek Conservancy for the conservation of ecologically significant areas along the Cuyahoga River, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Derek Schafer, Executive Director of the West Creek Conservancy, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2013-0261. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Mr. Schafer pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Schron, with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2013-0261 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.**

**Mr. Germana requested to have his name added as an additional co-sponsor to Resolution No. R2013-0261.**

- c) R2013-0262: A Resolution of support of an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of the

Western Reserve Land Conservancy for the conservation of ecologically significant areas along the Chagrin River, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Ryzner and Mr. Schiffman addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2013-0262. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Ryzner and Mr. Schiffman pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Schron, with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2013-0262 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.**

- d) R2013-0263: A Resolution of support of an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of the West Creek Conservancy for the conservation of ecologically significant areas along the headwaters of Big Creek, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Schafer addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2013-0263. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Mr. Schafer pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Schron, with a second by Mr. Germana, Resolution No. R2013-0263 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.**

- e) R2013-0264: A Resolution of support of an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of the Western Reserve Land Conservancy for the conservation of ecologically significant areas along the Lower Big Creek, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Ryzner addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2013-0264. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Ryzner pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Schron, with a second by Mr. Germana, Resolution**

**No. R2013-0264 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.**

- f) R2013-0265: A Resolution of support of an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of the West Creek Conservancy for the conservation of ecologically significant areas along the Bradley Woods Reservation, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Schafer addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2013-0265. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Mr. Schafer pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Schron, with a second by Mr. Germana, Resolution No. R2013-0265 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.**

**Mr. Germana requested to have his name added an additional co-sponsor to Resolution No. R2013-0265.**

- g) R2013-0266: A Resolution of support of an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of the Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District for the conservation of ecologically significant areas along the East Branch of Euclid Creek, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Claire Poisus, Euclid Creek Watershed Coordinator for the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2013-0266. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Poisus pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Schron, with a second by Mr. Germana, Resolution No. R2013-0266 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.**

**Mr. Germana and Mr. Rogers requested to have their names added as additional co-sponsors to Resolution No. R2013-0266.**

- h) R2013-0267: A Resolution of support of an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of the City of Euclid for the conservation of ecologically significant areas along the Green Creek and Euclid Creek Metropark Reservation, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Jonathan Holody, Director of the Department of Planning and Development for the City of Euclid, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2013-0267. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Mr. Holody pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Schron, with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2013-0267 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.**

- i) R2013-0268: A Resolution of support of an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of the Western Reserve Land Conservancy for the conservation of ecologically significant areas along the Dunham Tavern Museum, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Ball and Ms. Ryzner addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2013-0268. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Ball and Ryzner pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**Resolution No. R2013-0268 was withdrawn from the consideration of the Committee at the request of the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission.**

- j) R2013-0269: A Resolution of support of an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of LAND Studio, Inc. for the conservation of ecologically significant areas along the Irishtown Overlook, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Ball addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2013-0269. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Ball pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.**

**Resolution No. R2013-0269 was withdrawn from the consideration of the Committee at the request of the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission.**

- k) R2013-0282: A Resolution authorizing amendments to agreements and contracts with various providers for Workforce Investment Act In-School and Out-of-School Youth Training for the period 9/1/2011 - 6/30/2013 to extend the time period to 6/30/2014 and for additional funds; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendments and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:
- 1) No. AG1100140-01 with Cuyahoga Community College District in the amount of \$225,000.00.
  - 2) No. AG1100141-01 with Mayfield City School District in the amount of \$357,000.00.
  - 3) No. AG1100142-01 with Cuyahoga Community College District in the amount of \$120,000.00.
  - 4) No. CE1100660-01 with Baldwin-Wallace College in the amount of \$95,000.00.
  - 5) No. CE1100662-01 with Esperanza, Incorporated in the amount of \$120,000.00.
  - 6) No. CE1100663-01 with Linking Employment, Abilities & Potential in the amount of 175,000.00.
  - 7) No. CE1100666-01 with Youth Opportunities Unlimited in the amount of \$430,000.00.
  - 8) No. CE1100667-01 with Guidestone fka Berea Children's Home in the amount of \$460,000.00.
  - 9) No. CE1100700-01 with Towards Employment, Incorporated in the amount of \$150,000.00.

**Ms. Candace James, Youth Manager for the Department of Workforce Development, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2013-0282. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. James pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Mr. Germana, Resolution No. R2013-0282 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full**

**Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.**

- l) R2013-0283: A Resolution authorizing amendments to various agreements with East Cleveland City School District for Universal Pre-Kindergarten services for the period 8/31/2012 - 7/31/2013 to extend the time period to 7/31/2014 and for additional funds; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendments and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:
  - 1) No. AG1200342-01 with Prospect Elementary School in the amount not-to-exceed \$16,367.60.
  - 2) No. AG1200343-01 with Superior Elementary School in the amount not-to-exceed \$67,979.60.

**Dr. Rebekah Dormand, Executive Director of the Office of Early Childhood-Invest in Children, and Ms. Nakiaa, Program Manager, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2013-0283. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Dr. Dormand and Ms. Robinson pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Mr. Rogers, Resolution No. R2013-0282 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.**

**Mr. Rogers requested to have his name added as an additional co-sponsor to Resolution No. R2013-0283.**

- m) R2013-0284: A Resolution authorizing amendments to various contracts with Guidestone for Universal Pre-Kindergarten services for the period 8/1/2012 - 7/31/2013 to extend the time period to 7/31/2014 and for additional funds; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendments and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:
  - 1) No. CE1200516-01 with Family Life Child Care Center of Berea in the amount not-to-exceed \$300,407.73.
  - 2) No. CE1200517-01 with Family Life Child Care Center of Brook Park in the amount not-to-exceed \$99,807.09.

- 3) No. CE1200518-01 with Family Life Child Care Center of Lakewood in the amount not-to-exceed \$124,395.65.
- 4) No. CE1200519-01 with Family Life Child Care Center of Maple Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$185,793.28.
- 5) No. CE1200520-01 with Family Life Child Care Center of Middleburg Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$12,019.04.

**Dr. Dormand addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2013-0284. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Dr. Dormand pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Rogers with a second by Mr. Germana, Resolution No. R2013-0284 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.**

#### **6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

- a) Presentation regarding county-wide broadband expansion-Bill Callahan, Connect Your Community

**Mr. Bill Callahan, Director of Connect Your Community; Ms. Samantha Cycyk, Assistant Director of Connect Your Community; and Ms. Rebecca Ranallo, Information Technology Manager for the Cuyahoga County Library, addressed the Committee regarding county-wide broadband expansion. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Mr. Callahan, Ms. Cycyk and Ms. Ranallo pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

#### **7. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT**

**No public comments were given.**

#### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss, Chairman Rogers adjourned the meeting at 1:58 p.m., without objection.**