



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY
COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2019
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 3:08 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Simon asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Simon, Brown, Jones, Stephens and Brady were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmember Miller was also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 17, 2019 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Ms. Brown and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2019 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2019-0182: A Resolution supporting an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of City of Brooklyn for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in Stickney Creek Valley – Big

Creek in the City of Brooklyn; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Alexandra Ehrett, Associate at McCaulley & Company, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2019-0182. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Council members asked questions of Ms. Ehrett pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Brady with a second by Ms. Brown, Resolution No. R2019-0182 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

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

- b) R2019-0183: A Resolution supporting an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of City of Euclid for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in the Euclid Waterfront – Weltman Estate and IRG Properties Acquisition in the City of Euclid; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Allison Lukacsy-Love, Community Projects Manager for the City of Euclid, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2019-0183. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Council members asked questions of Ms. Lukacsy-Love pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Stephens, Resolution No. R2019-0183 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

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

- c) R2019-0184: A Resolution supporting an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of Cuyahoga River Restoration for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in the Cuyahoga River Fish Habitat – Carter Road in the City of Cleveland; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

[Clerk's Note: Resolution No. R2019-0184 was withdrawn from the Committee's consideration at the request of the Planning Department.]

- d) R2019-0185: A Resolution supporting an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of Gates Mills Land Conservancy for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in Clark Forest Preserve in the Village of Gates Mills; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Nathaniel Smith, Director of Gates Mills Land Conservancy, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2019-0185. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Brown, Resolution No. R2019-0185 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

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

- e) R2019-0186: A Resolution supporting an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of Village of Orange for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in the Chagrin River and Tinker's Creek Headwaters Wetland Protection in the Village of Orange; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

The Honorable Kathy Mulcahy, Mayor of Orange Village, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2019-0186. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Council members asked questions of Mayor Mulcahy pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Brown with a second by Ms. Stephens, Resolution No. R2019-0186 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Committee members Brown and Stephens requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- f) R2019-0187: A Resolution supporting an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of Ubuntu Cultivators for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in Willey Avenue Land Acquisition and Restoration for Outdoor Classroom in the City of Cleveland;

and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

[Clerk's Note: Resolution No. R2019-0187 was withdrawn from the Committee's consideration at the request of the Planning Department.]

- g) R2019-0188: A Resolution supporting an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of the Village of Moreland Hills for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in Chagrin Meadows Preserve in the Village of Moreland Hills; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Joe Leslie, Vice President of Real Estate for Western Reserve Land Conservancy, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2019-0188. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Stephens, Resolution No. R2019-0188 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

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

- h) R2019-0189: A Resolution supporting an application for funding under the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission on behalf of West Creek Conservancy for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in Protect, Restore, Connect – West Creek in the City of Parma; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Derek Schafer, Executive Director of West Creek Conservancy, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2019-0189. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Ms. Brown, Resolution No. R2019-0189 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

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

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Ms. Alison Ball, Planner, addressed the Committee regarding funding for the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program. Discussion ensued.

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

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Simon adjourned the meeting at 3:43 p.m., without objection.