



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY
COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021
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 3:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Simon asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Committee members Simon, Brown, Jones and Stephens were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Schron was absent from the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 28, 2021 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Simon and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the July 28, 2021 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2021-0197: 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 the

Baldwin Creek Conservation Initiative in the City of Parma; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Alison Ball, Planner with the Planning Commission, and Mr. Derek Schafer, Executive Director of West Creek Conservancy addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2021-0197. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Stephens, Resolution No. R2021-0197 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.

Ms. Stephens requested to have her name added as a co-sponsor to Resolution No. R2021-0197.

- b) R2021-0198: 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 the Mill Creek Greenway in the City of Warrensville Heights; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Schafer addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2021-0198. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Brown with a second by Ms. Stephens, Resolution No. R2021-0198 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.

Ms. Brown and Ms. Stephens requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to Resolution No. R2021-0198.

- c) R2021-0199: 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 the West Creek Greenway in the City of Parma; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Schafer addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2021-0199. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Brown, Resolution No. R2021-0199 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.

Ms. Stephens requested to have her name added as a co-sponsor to Resolution No. R2021-0199.

- d) R2021-0200: 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 the Zaclon River Landing in the City of Cleveland; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Schafer addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2021-0200. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2021-0200 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.

Ms. Stephens requested to have her name added as a co-sponsor to Resolution No. R2021-0200.

- e) R2021-0201: 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 Western Reserve Land Conservancy for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in the Hough Community Green Space in the City of Cleveland; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Simon introduced a proposed substitute to Resolution No. R2021-0201. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Alex Czayka, Senior Vice President for Conservation Transactions with the Western Reserve Land Conservancy, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2021-0201. Discussion ensued.

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

A motion was made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Jones and approved by unanimous vote to accept the proposed substitute.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Brown, Resolution No. R2021-0201 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, as substituted.

Ms. Stephens requested to have her name added as co-sponsor to Resolution No. R2021-0201.

- f) R2021-0202: 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 Western Reserve Land Conservancy for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in the Shelter Hill Forest Springs in the Village of Hunting Valley; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Czayka addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2021-0202. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2021-0202 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.

Ms. Stephens requested to have her name added as co-sponsor to Resolution No. R2021-0202.

6. PRESENTATION

a) Power A Clean Future Ohio

Mr. John Mitterholzer, Program Director for Climate and Environmental Justice with the George Gund Foundation and Mr. Joe Flarida, Executive Director of Power a Clean Future Ohio (PCFO), addressed the Committee and provided the Committee with the background information of PCFO, PCFO resources and policy recommendations, the members of the PCFO coalition and the challenges and goals within the organization. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Mitterholzer and Mr. Flarida pertaining 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 3:48 p.m., without objection