

## Cleveland Clean Air Century Campaign

### Meeting Summary June 19, 2008

**Members attending:** George Baker, Richard King, Elvin Vauss, Lyn Luttner, Anne Marie Vincent, Amy Wainwright, Keith Riley, Herbert Mauseur, Frank Foley

**Guest:** Audrey Jones (CWRU nursing student intern)

**Facilitators:** Linda Kimble, Emily Lee

The Cleveland Clean Air Century Campaign Group convened for the thirty-third time at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District.

#### Introductions

#### Cleveland Metropolitan School District Retrofit Program—Mike Bower

Mike Bower was one of our scheduled speakers—transportation manager at the Cleveland Metropolitan School District.

Topic of discussion the CMSD's CleanAir Project /school bus retrofit program

To learn more about the program review a copy of his power point presentation that will be distributed electronically to all members.

#### What's New at NOACA?—Amy Wainright

Amy Wainright was our second scheduled speaker. Topic of discussion: ozone & PM2.5 alert days and Ohio Rideshare. To learn more visit—[www.noaca.org](http://www.noaca.org)

#### Review and Approve February Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the February meeting was approved

#### Break

#### Campaign Funding—Discretionary Fund

The total remaining in the discretionary fund is \$7,784.32

On behalf of the communications committee, Linda will send out an email requesting the approval of the purchase of additional promotional materials.

## Committee Updates

### *Indoor Environments*

#### Tools for Schools

Description:

Schools will be provided with equipment/materials for the improvement of IAQ in their schools. Equipment purchased may include: HEPA vacuums, filters, ceiling tiles, and entrance mats. Repairs of exhaust fans in bathrooms and locker rooms and etc. Schools: located in four neighborhoods,

Four schools have been identified and walkthroughs have been conducted:

Tremont Montessori School-Tremont

Case School-St. Clair Superior

Mound School-Slavic Village

Miles Park Elementary School-Lee-Miles

Miles Park Walkthrough-Emily Lee:

I finished my last walkthrough on Friday with Miles Park School. It was a new building since 2007. I was impressed with the school for many reasons but I think that the thing that struck me the most was a few of their environmental aspects.

1. The building is under complete warranty so the minor things that she listed as having problems will be addressed by the contractors. I am not sure how long the warranty lasts, but it is a good bonus to have.
2. They have windows with encased blinds in the entire building.
3. They have attached storage for tractor and snow blower to the school, but there is not odor or off gassing from the equipment. The equipment is brand new and has environmentally friendly components to it.
4. The HVAC system is set up to constantly monitor the ratio of indoor and outdoor air to make sure that everything is running smoothly.
5. There is motion sensed lighting throughout the entire building.
6. The HVAC system is also computerized to warn building maintenance when something is wrong and also when maintenance is needed including changing of filters.

These are just a few of the things that I noticed, but if there is interest, I think it may be a good idea to invites members to see the efforts that CMSD is putting into their new buildings.

### **School environmental education**

Emily and Linda have met several times with the CMSD science curriculum specialist. She will meet with her science teachers at the end of June to and will discuss including environmental activities to their lesson plans. The environmental activities have been revised several times utilizing suggestions from the IE committee and etc. Topics selected: anti-idling, environmental tobacco smoke, global warming, and mercury.

Proposed time line for project: September-January 2009

### **IPM**

Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

Campaign will provide training to local families on indoor air hazards focusing on asthma and IPM. Expanding on environmental library series. Linda met with representatives from Tremont and Slavic village and they are very interested in providing this type of education to residents.

### ***Communications Committee***

#### **Campaign Member Spotlight**

The Committee discussed spotlighting a Campaign each month. Members will be asked to answer questions. Campaign spotlight will be distributed via email-Campaign newsletter. The first campaign spotlight will honor Richard Connelly and then members will be highlighted alphabetically by last name. June-July 2008 George Baker August 2008 George Coder

#### **Rev. Marvin Smith Scholarship**

The scholarship program has been expanded to other neighborhoods.

Recent distribution of scholarship information to:

Boys and Girls Club of Cleveland

Neighborhood Connections

CMSD science curriculum specialist

Neighborhood News

Tremont West Development

Slavic Village Development Corporation

Suggestions from other committee members are welcome-will also seek suggestions from the full working Group during next scheduled meeting.

#### **Monthly environmental article on website**

The committee will begin spotlighting on the Campaign website an article pertaining to air quality/air toxics. July 2008- will feature George Baker-topic of discussion asbestos. If you would like to write a 500 word article concerning an environmental issue, contact Linda or a communications committee member. Proposed topics: mercury, climate change, etc. This is your chance to spotlight your writing skills.

### **Committee Proposal**

The communication committee will be submitting proposal for:

Purchasing additional promotional materials—running low on items including Campaign fact sheets, pencils, etc. Promotional materials inventory available.

#### **Media publicity/recognition for CMSD “green schools” and school bus retrofit program**

The committee will be working on raising awareness of the good work that the CMSD is doing to improve the environment including “green” schools and the school bus retrofit program.

New products being produced include: Campaign Fact Sheet: How Air Quality Affects Human Health and Campaign Member Spotlight and article

### ***Cleaner Diesel Fleets***

Audrey and JJ are CWRU nursing school interns. They will be working with Dr. Sumita Khatri on the diesel emission health study. The interns will be responsible for data entry and analysis of school children information related to bus retrofits. Meeting will be scheduled soon with the following individuals: Sumita Khatri, Mike Bower—CMSD transportation manager, CMSD Health Services, student interns, Linda and Emily. **Meeting scheduled for: 07/17/08 @ 9:00am.**

### ***Northeast Ohio Regulatory Compliance Seminars***

The seminar was held on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 52 individuals attended. Evaluation response was positive. The next seminar tentatively scheduled for January 2009.

### **Other Updates**

CFL’S –information concerning FAQ’s concerning compact-fluorescent light bulbs was distributed. For more information:

[http://www.energystar.gov/ia/partners/promotions/change\\_light/downloads/Fact\\_Sheet\\_Mercury.pdf](http://www.energystar.gov/ia/partners/promotions/change_light/downloads/Fact_Sheet_Mercury.pdf)

### **The Next Working Group Meeting—Free Sharing Environmental Forum**

Potential topics: How Are You Decreasing Your Carbon Footprint?

Food—Transportation—Housing

Proposed dates: September

Linda is using Meeting Wizard to schedule meeting. September 2008

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:30**