

# CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes for December 5th, 2019 Meeting

## MEMBERS PRESENT

R.P. Samulka (Chair), James Pirko (Vice-Chair), Joel Beeghly, John Getchey, Fred Hanley, Gerald Hurayt, Kevin Kern, Peter Miliken, Jerome Parm, Don Rex, Terry Thomas

## GUESTS PRESENT

Michael Harvey, Chris Kogelnik, Cosetta McMillan, Tom Smith

## STAFF PRESENT

Justin Mondok, Ed Davis, Jann Esenwein

1. **Call to Order** Chairperson Samulka called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm
2. **Approval of the Minutes** Mr. Hurayt made the motion to approve the November 7th CAB meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Getchey. The motion passed unanimously

3. **Presentation:**

**Ed Davis – Ohio Public Works Commission Program Overview**

Mr. Davis provided an overview of the Ohio Public Works Program and explained the different funding programs available for infrastructure projects. Additional information can be found at [pwc.ohio.gov/district/district-6](http://pwc.ohio.gov/district/district-6)

**Joann Esenwein – Mahoning River Dam Removal and River Restoration Update**

Ms. Esenwein provided an update on the progress of the Mahoning River Dam Removal and River Restoration project as well as outlining the use of a \$2 million grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. [Click here to view the presentation](#)

4. **Technical Advisory Committee Report** Mr. Mondok discussed the following agenda items from TAC. They are provided below:
  - Collective Impact Data Accelerator Program Overview
  - [2020 Safe Routes to Schools Application Cycle Announcement](#)
  - [Transit Regionalization Update](#)
  - Fiscal Year 2021-2024 TIP Development – Projects Submitted and Development Schedule
  - Mahoning River Corridor Restoration Plan Presentation
5. **General Policy Board Report** The Board was informed that the next GPB meeting is set for January 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at Eastgate’s Downtown Youngstown Office.
6. **CAB Subcommittee Reports**
  - No reports from individual subcommittees

- The Environment Subcommittee and Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee are set to meet prior to the January CAB meeting
- Chairperson Samulka suggested refocusing the subcommittees to more specific topics to generate more interest. This topic will be added to next month's agenda for further discussion

## 7. Old Business

- Voting took place for the positions of Chair, Vice Chair, and GPB Representatives and the following members were all unanimously selected to fill the following roles
  - o Chair: Kevin Kern
  - o Vice Chair: Gerald Hurayt
  - o GPB Rep – Mahoning County: RP Samulka
    - Alternate: Gerald Hurayt
  - o GPB Rep – Trumbull County: Genevieve Germaniuk
    - Alternate: James Pirko

## 8. New Business

- Mr. Mondok informed the Board that the new CAB webpage was launched and would continue to see improvements over the next several months. The website includes pertinent information regarding the board and a form to request membership to the Board. The website can be accessed by visiting [eastgatecog.org/CAB](http://eastgatecog.org/CAB)
- The Board was encouraged to attend the [Watershed Planning Public Input Kickoff Meeting](#) at the Boardman Township Administration Building on Wednesday, December 18 at 6 pm
- Mr. Miliken made a motion for the CAB to send a letter to the Mayor of Youngstown and the Youngstown Fire Chief opposing the closure of Youngstown Fire Station #7 on the North Side of the City. Mr. Krygowski seconded the motion. Discussion followed regarding the timeline of events as well as the applicable relation to Eastgate's work products. A vote was taken with one (1) member in favor, seven (7) opposed, and one (1) abstaining. The motion did not pass
- Mr. Miliken made a second motion for the CAB to advise the GPB to send a letter to the Mayor of Youngstown and the Youngstown Fire Chief opposing the closure of Youngstown Fire Station #7 on the North Side of the City. Mr. Pirko seconded the motion. A vote was taken with three (3) votes in favor and four (4) opposed. The motion did not pass

## 9. General Policy Board Resolutions

GPB Resolution #038-2019

Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program of the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments to add Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Projects, increase right of way funding for the East Market/North Road Intersection Project, and increase funding for the SR 170 Intersection Upgrade Project  
Mr. Getchey made a motion to approve the resolution and Mr. Hanley seconded. The resolution passed unanimously

10. Announcements

11. Adjournment A motion for adjournment was made by Mr. Hanley and seconded by Mr. Parm.  
The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm

**Next Citizens Advisory Board Meeting:**

January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6 pm at Eastgate's Downtown Youngstown Office

*Jim Kinnick, Eastgate Executive Director, Agency Update*

*Laura DeYoung, CT Consultants, Non-Point Source Implementation Strategic Planning Workshop*