

## SANDUSKY BAYFRONT CORRIDOR COMMITTEE

August 4, 2022 – Meeting Minutes

*Mission Statement: The Bayfront Corridor Committee, a cross-section of community stakeholders serving at the pleasure of the City Commission, reviews proposed waterfront development projects relative to adopted city plans and their benefit to the community and makes recommendations to the administration and City Commission with the purpose of maximizing the advantages of Sandusky's strategic location on Lake Erie.*

### Attendance:

Judy Corso	Blake Harris, City Commission Liaison
Carl McGookey, Chair	Aaron Klein, City Staff
Bill Semans	
Mike Zuilhof	

Meeting was called to order at 7:36 by Chairperson McGookey.

### Minutes

A quorum was not present, so minutes weren't approved.

### New Business

#### Shoreline Park/Transient Marina

At Shoreline Park, the sheet piling and concrete work will be continued from the west and north side around to the east side of the west finger. There will also be a small kayak launch "ramp" and adjacent pull off for unloading kayaks. At the transient marina the walkway concrete on the south side of the marina will be repaired as was the east side last year. There will also be some work done at the west entrance to the marina parking lot, as well as the west curb at the entrance to Jackson Street Pier. This is being done by Erie Blacktop.

Also, at Shoreline Park, the city will be adding to the concrete leading to the ADA accessible wheelchair which currently has approved mulch leading to it. J. Corso congratulated the Lange Trust and Sandusky Library for the suspended sculptures around town. Mr. Klein noted that Greg Volz and Arin Blair were instrumental in coordinating the efforts with the Polish crew which brought and installed the statuary.

Query was made about boat launches other than Shelby Street facility in the city. No public or private ramps are known. Also, a question was asked about signage concerning no swimming or diving from pedestrian bridges at Shoreline Park.

Mr. McGookey mentioned that as waterfront playground park equipment needs replacement, he has seen nautical themed playground equipment in Port Clinton which would be appropriate for Sandusky.

## Old Business

### Justice Center

Bids will be accepted for this project next week, on 8/11/2022. Engineer estimate is just over \$13 million.

### Sandusky Bay Pathway

Parcel acquisition is still underway. Covid slowed the process considerably. Meigs Street should be completed in October/November of this year. Acquisition negotiations are moving forward with Toft's and U.S. Tsubaki. A parcel has been acquired from the Health Department. East Water Street will be done in 2023 with some ODOT funding.

### The Landing

Six parcels left to be acquired for easements to the Landing. Five of these the city has come to terms with temporary and permanent easements. Grant applications are still out there for ~\$20 million for the pathway and ~\$8 million through ODOT for the Landing. Then timeline can be determined for design and construction of SB Pathway from Cedar Point Drive to the Landing and the Landing itself. Mr. Klein stated that the bridge over Pipe Creek will be 18-19 feet high above median water height in response to a question from J. Corso. Also, bridge over Heminger Ditch will be necessary. Kayak accessible height was suggested by Mr. Zuilhof.

### Causeway Wetlands

Many organizations are involved with the monitoring process of the wetland cells including ODNR, BGSU, Office of Coastal Management, Ohio Fish and Wildlife, Cleveland Water Alliance, and Limnotech. They are monitoring fish, nutrient loading and other parameters at that site. Dredging will begin after Labor Day by the Army Corps of Engineers' contractor. An RFQ is out for site election for a second site to be used when this site is full. Data acquired from this site will be used to help determine a proper second site.

### Mills High-Rate Treatment project

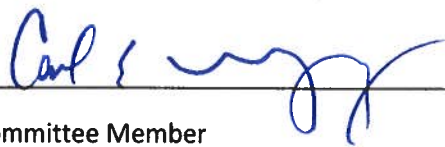
This project is at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and required by the Ohio EPA. It is intended to minimize and eliminate overflows to the bay from the City's combined storm and sanitary sewer system. Previous plant expansions and other projects have helped substantially but more is needed. This project will allow more water to be treated in big storm events. The physical project entails excavating 20 feet deep, placing filters, expanding bar screens and pumping capacity of the headwalls of the plant, raising the walls on the grit tanks, and placing more filters. A UV system will also be used. Chemical treatment may be needed to reach EPA standards. Mr. Klein is concerned with expanding the geographic footprint of the plant and impacting the adjacent recreational fields. The discharges are past Turning Point Island, at the eastern portion of the boat launch facility and at the north end of Mills Street. The hope is to divert sewage from these overflows to the plant.

Columbus Avenue Streetscape and Jackson Street Parking Lot projects

Mr. Klein wasn't able to answer questions from Mr. Zuilhof about these two projects. He deferred to the Planning Department. He also deferred Ms. Corso's question about the possible location of a City Recreation Facility to Planning. Also, Ms. Corso asked about the ability to increase the height of the current county parking garage by two more floors. Mr. Klein has not seen drawings or details of that structure to make that determination.

There was no community input.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

  
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Committee Member