

PACE-EH MEETING
January 28, 2010, 8:30a.m.
Recreation Unlimited,
7700 Piper Rd., Ashley



Present:

Paul Huttlin	Recreation Unlimited
Susan Sutherland	Delaware General Health District
Dick Tuttle	Resident
Jann Ichida	OWU
Scott Sanders	Regional Planning
Jules Lapp	The Nature Conservancy
Ruth Shrock	Resident – Genoa Township
Kelly Thiel	Ohio EPA
Shoreh Elhami	Delaware County Auditor’s Office/GIS
Darren Hurley	City of Delaware Parks & Recreation
Paul Wise	Genoa Township
Mike Sapp	Ohio EPA
Stephan Ruckman	Delaware General Health District
Stephanie DeGenaro	Delaware General Health District
Barbara Revard	Columbus Zoo & Aquarium
Jesse Carter	Delaware General Health District
Larry Cline	Farmer
Amanda McEldowney	Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Jeff Robinson	City of Powell

I. Welcome and Introductions-Chair Paul Huttlin welcomed everyone, and everyone introduced themselves.

II. Review of minutes from October 8, 2009 Meeting

Minutes are posted on the Delaware General Health District’s Web site:

www.delawarehealth.org/pace.htm. All information will be posted on this site.

III. Demographic discussion

Paul asked about the difference in the demographics from 1990 to 2008. It was stated that the population is growing consistently in population centers such as Powell and the southern townships. The age category is not shifting. It was stated that Delaware County is a good place to get a job right now. Jeff stated that the housing foreclosures in Powell are starting to stabilize. However, there is no room for new housing.

Susan said that the demographic information was presented to select a sample size and to look at population sizes per township. Shoreh stated that on page 23 of the demographic report submitted by

the Delaware County Regional Planning Commission that the population sizes are listed by townships. It was stated that the population in central Ohio will continue to grow, with most occurring in Delaware County.

IV. Draft EH survey discussion

It was discussed that we should ask senior high school students and church youth groups if they are aware of these environmental topics that are listed on the survey. Ruth said that we need to determine what the objective is in conducting the survey in order to determine how to perform the survey. Susan said that she thought the objective was to find out the environmental health concerns of the residents.

Mike suggested that we look at the past survey in 1998 and determine what issues were ranked low and eliminate those issues on this survey. Kelley said that we could do a broad spectrum of environmental issues and cross check by demographics. Dick suggested doing the issues by category such as quality of life-Bike and walking trails. Paul suggested the following categories:

1. Quality of life
2. Pollution
3. Recreation
4. Land use
5. Personal safety

Dick suggested adding: climate change-solar power, wind power. He also would like to see excessive lawn care treatment under pollution.

It was suggested to have 3 sub categories under each category. We will ask the committee to take the survey along with another test audience. It was suggested to conduct focus groups for additional insight. We will make a list of groups to conduct focus groups at, which represents the county demographics.

We could develop a facebook page and twitter about it. Shoreh stated that the number of minutes to take the survey must be accurate. We would like to send the survey out on list serve, but no one has a complete list serve for Delaware County.

V. Discussion of distribution of survey

The survey will need to be distributed at different events by volunteers. It was recommended to include it in the Delaware Health Department's community newsletter that should go out in March. Jann said that OWU students working in sustainability could help distribute the survey. Columbus Zoo has an Earth Day event in March and welcomes the survey distribution there. We will need to ask school Superintendents for permission to distribute to high schools seniors. After the surveys start coming back in, we will need to look areas with low return rates, and conduct either phone calls or door-to-door surveys.

Susan will develop a list of survey distribution, and who could help distribute.

It was suggested to distribute media releases about the environmental survey that will be distributed in the county.

VI. Next steps

Revise EH survey into categories and develop distribution list.

Meeting adjourned by Paul Huttlin, Chair at 9:30a.m. Next meeting will be scheduled through meeting wizard for late January at Deer Haven, Preservation Parks of Delaware County on Liberty Rd.