



**Year of Vibrant Green Space Celebration Committee Meeting**  
Morgan Art of Papermaking Conservatory & Educational Foundation  
1754 E. 47th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44103  
June 19, 2017

- **Welcome and Introductions**

In attendance:

Sandra Albro

Emily Bacha

Pamela Barnes

Amber Barnes

Ryan Brodnick

Perenthia Brown

Anna Cifranic

Chad Clink

Stephanie Corbett

Adam Davenport

Kathryn Flinn

Keith Geary

Jessica Gift

Kristin Hall

Bob Heath

Joe Hicks

Cathi Lehn

Sima Libkind

Whitnye Long

Glenn Odenbrett

Elaine Price

Jon Querciagrossa

Janine Rybka

Colby Sattler

Matt Schmidt

Terry Schwarz

Hunter Scott

Marlane Weslian

Sonya Wisdom

Keith Wisdom

- **Airport Green Roof (Kristin Hall, Mayor's Office of Sustainability)**

Read about the new green roof at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport

[http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2017/06/cleveland\\_hopkins\\_international\\_8.html](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2017/06/cleveland_hopkins_international_8.html)

- **City's Park Assessment (Jessica Gift, Mayor's Office of Capital Projects)**

Public Work Parks and Recreation Stats

- 168 parks, 109 playgrounds
- 132 baseball diamonds
- 91.5 tennis courts
- 96 full, 11 ½ basketball courts
- 22 outdoor, 19 indoor pools
- 1800+ total park acreage
- Assessment not been conducted in 10+ years
- Inventory and Location Guide last updated 2013

What are the parks assessments and what information do they tell us?

- 8 page document used to gather inventory and conditions
  - Roughly 100-110 parks assessed from Spring 2016 - Fall 2016
  - Remaining inventory under maintenance agreements, empty lots, undeveloped etc
- Overall park rankings assigned on a scale of 1-5 that correlate with time frame to help with long term planning for each site
- Includes assessment of each amenity within park, ranking from scale 1-5 with time frame to help with long term planning of each amenity
- Radius established for park accessibility and amenities – helps determine where we have clusters of inventory or locating “gap sites” that are necessary to maintain accessibility
- Capital Investment vs Capital Repair funding – Repair, Replace, Remove cycle
- 2017 sites for Capital Improvements are Mark Tromba, Oletha Wilson and Glenview
- 2017 Capital Repair sites and still under review

For more information contact Jessica at [JGift@city.cleveland.oh.us](mailto:JGift@city.cleveland.oh.us)

- **Cleveland Tree Coalition and Tree Plan Updates**

- Sandra Albro, Holden Forests and Gardens and Co-Chair, Cleveland Tree Coalition  
General Overview of the Cleveland Tree Plan and Cleveland Tree Coalition  
To learn more visit [here](#) and [here](#).

Update: Sandra was interviewed on WKYC’s Live on Lakeside

<http://www.wkyc.com/entertainment/television/lakeside-live/sandra-albro-cleveland-tree-plan-762017/454671140>

- Emily Bacha, Western Reserve Land Conservancy  
Led by Western Reserve Land Conservancy, a number of Cleveland Tree Coalition partners hosted several successful events to celebrate Arbor Day 2017. Among these events included plantings at the Boys & Girls Club in Slavic Village, Citizens Academy in Glenville, as well as a tree seedling giveaway at Earthfest. The CTC Marketing, Communications, and Technology subcommittee also put together a marketing kit for Arbor Day and was excited to see #ArborDayCLE trending on social media. Plans are underway to make next year’s Arbor Day a success – please contact Emily at [ebacha@wrlandconservancy.org](mailto:ebacha@wrlandconservancy.org) to get involved.
- Chad Clink, Holden Forests and Gardens  
Holden Forests and Gardens received a \$500,000 grant from Cleveland Foundation for implementation of specific actions in the Cleveland Tree Plan. Chad presented an overview of the actions to be accomplished with this funding.
  - Policy Work
    - Meetings with Urban Forestry and Office of Sustainability
    - Rough Draft for October
    - Committee Formation

- New Hire(s)
  - Arborist Educator, Diana Sette
  - Tree Care Coordinator, application and forthcoming offer
- Tree Corps
  - Pilot program next year
- Arbor Day 2017
  - FDR Academy
- Prioritization of urban forestry efforts
  - Developing a summary
  - Matrix of indicators
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For an update on the City's Tree Canopy Goals, read here.

<https://clecityhall.com/2017/04/29/mayor-announces-plans-to-improve-clevelands-tree-canopy/>

- Climate Smart Cities (Matt Schmidt, Trust for Public Land)  
 Matt Schmidt of the Trust for Public Land presented GIS (Geographic Information System) data and analysis tools that the organization prepares to help guide planning and decision making for park and infrastructure investments. Updated yearly, ParkScore® uses GIS mapping and data collected from the City of Cleveland and Cleveland Metroparks to provide an in-depth analysis of local park improvement efforts. The process identifies and scores cities based on which neighborhoods and demographics are underserved by parks and how many people are able to reach a park within a ten-minute walk.

For more information about ParkScore: <http://parkscore.tpl.org>

Additionally, The Trust for Public Land is the final stages of creating a Climate-Smart Cities® decision support tool for Cleveland. The Climate-Smart Cities program creates an online GIS platform and local leadership network for the purposes of identifying shared priorities for planners and civic leaders to make park and infrastructure investment decisions that unite multi-benefit green infrastructure with community needs.

For more information about Climate-Smart Cities: <http://parkscore.tpl.org>

- Pollinator Partnership (Amber Barnes)  
 National Pollinator Week (June 19-25, 2017)  
<http://www.pollinator.org/>
- Ohio Pollinator Plan (Cathi Lehn, Mayor's Office of Sustainability)  
 The [Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative](#) has announced the development of the [Ohio Pollinator Health, Protection and Conservation Plan](#). The scheduled date of release for this Plan is during National Pollinator Week. It is proposed that using the Ohio Plan as a template we develop a Plan specifically for Northeast Ohio.

Press release for Plan (January 2017):

<http://pollinatorstewardship.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Jan.-20-2017-Ohio-Poll-Plan.pdf>