

Turtle Creek Valley COG Director's Report

TCVCOG Board Meeting
April 28, 2022

Upcoming Meetings

5/18: Manager's Meeting, 2pm

5/17: Police Chief Meeting, 2pm- Kate Vander Wiede from the Allegheny County Department of Human Services

5/26: TCVCOG Board Meeting

TCVCOG Board Meetings

In accordance with discussion from last month's meeting TCVCOG Board meetings in 2022 will be as follows:

May 26: Meeting @ Restaurant

June – August: Recess

September 22:

October 27

Nov – Thanksgiving

December 1 or 8 or other? Holiday dinner meeting?

Application for 501(c)(3)

Additional information was submitted as requested. The application is still pending review.

TCVCOG Hospitality Suite at the ALOM Conference/Seven Springs

For those able to attend, we welcome your feedback in order to improve the event next year. Overall, our room was well attended and we heard a good bit of positive feedback during the event. Natalie conducted an inventory and noted the folder so we'll be prepared for next year. We did open until about 11:15pm on Saturday evening.

Grants

The following towns have submitted an Act 152 application through TCVCOG:

- Braddock
- East McKeesport
- Monroeville
- North Braddock
- North Versailles
- Penn Hills
- Pitcairn
- Plum
- Rankin
- Turtle Creek
- Wilkins
- Wilmerding

The County anticipates making funding decisions in early July.

TCVCOG Website – Community Updates

If anyone has community updates to share on our website -can they please email Natalie (nmerola@tcvcog.com) or call the office and leave a voicemail with the details: event, place and time.

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Please remember to complete and submit your opt-in agreement. No price increase in 2022!

Police Training

Tentative training dates for the Spring and Fall rounds of police training are as follows. Please plan to send your officers. Registration information has been emailed to your police chief.

Basic- 5/9-5/10

Advanced- 5/16 & 5/17 (Two one day classes)

Basic: Oct 10 – 11

Advanced: Oct 17-18

CodeNforce/Code Enforcement

We are on track to launch codeNforce towards the end of this summer. Much progress is being made. TCVCOG code inspectors have defined functionality, and are currently testing in the field. Program officers from the Hillman foundation will be visiting us for a demo on Friday, May 6th. After the demo, we are planning to take them to observe an occupancy inspection, and give them a tour of our participating (and interested/soon to be participating) towns.

Other

LGA Intern Program

We are pleased to announce that our application to the LGA intern program has been selected. As such, Anny Treat will be interning with us this summer. Anny is currently a CMU student working on her Masters in Public Policy & Management – Data Analytics. Her main focus will be importing data into the CodeNForce system, testing the system, and coding support. Anny will also have opportunities to participate and learn about some of our other operations such as grant management, workforce development through Code Enforcement, utility billing, and community outreach (a joint project with SRCOG). We are excited to welcome Anny to our office this summer!

Institute of Politics Study

On April 25th, An Lewis, Joy Ruff and I were requested to meet with IOP staff and consultants to discuss a police study. They are looking for data from 17 (undisclosed) towns with a population greater than 10,000 to understand how decisions to arrest are made. This is a blind study. The purpose is to determine if racial bias plays a role in arrest rates, and if so, to create implementable strategies to prevent this from happening. They have been working with the Attorney General's office, and the City of Pittsburgh, who have recently agreed to participate.

Managers Meeting: April 20, 2022:

Alex Graziani, Churchill; Connie Rosenbayger, East McKeesport; Seth Hufford, East Pittsburgh; Greg Bachy, Swissvale; Joe Varhola, North Versailles; Julie Pantalone, Turtle Creek; Michelle McAndrew, Churchill; Caroline Lang, Wilmerding; Scott Andrejchak, Penn Hills; Mike Bolan, Pitcairn; Tim Little, Monroeville

The group discussed filing the ARPA form due at the end of April. There is no narrative, however funds cannot be used for debt service or pensions. Participants who have already spent ARPA dollars described how they spent it. It is the group's understanding that projects less than \$10million will not require an audit. Still, projects should be bid and managed in accordance with the Borough code.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Settelmaier