Called to Order at 2:32 pm.

Welcome – Jim Schimmer, Chair and Ben Kessler, Vice Chair
Chair Schimmer, Vice-Chair Kessler, and Executive Director William Murdock welcomed new member Joshua Simon from Metro Parks.

Policy Update – Joe Garrity, MORPC

Summit on Sustainability Update – Amanda McEldowney, MORPC

Regional Sustainability Agenda Target Setting (Action Item) – Liz Whelan-Jackson and Ethan Hug, MORPC
MORPC staff suggested that the following metrics be used in the Regional Sustainability Agenda:

- 1.2 Increase Alternative Fuel Vehicles and Infrastructure
- 1.3 Increase local Renewable Energy Generating Capacity
- 1.5 Reduce Regional Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- 1.6 Increase the number of days with good Air Quality
- 2.1 Reduce the amount of municipal solid waste per capita disposed in the landfill
- 2.2 Reduce per capita Water Consumption
- 2.3 Improve water quality in Central Ohio Watersheds
- 2.4 Increase the amount of land devoted to natural areas and ecosystem services
- 3.3 Increase access to parks and regional trails
- 3.4 Reduce household energy cost burden
- 3.5 Reduce the rate of elevated blood lead levels among children
- 4.1 Increase the number of businesses with established sustainability policies and practices
- 4.3 Increase availability of affordable housing options near transit or job centers

Member Milam moved to adopt the Regional Sustainability Targets, Member Ward seconded the motion, motion carried.
Working Group/Board Updates

Sustainable2050 – Member Kessler
The Q3 membership meeting will be on September 17. The topic for this meeting is sustainable mobility, with a presentation on the Active Transportation Plan and regional trails, followed by a roundtable discussion.

The Energy & Air Quality Working Group met on July 27 with a presentation from Tristan Rader of the Solar United Neighbors regarding programming. The next Working Group meeting will be on September 28.

Air Quality Monitoring Subcommittee
PurpleAir particulate matter monitors are being calibrated against Ohio EPA regulatory grade particulate matter data and then installed across the community.

Central Ohio Greenways Board – Board Chair Letty Schamp
The Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Board will meet on September 22, 2021. Agenda items will include the RAPID 5 visioning effort and Working Group activities.

Trail Development Working Group
The Group is exploring new trail count equipment and has developed a pilot program to test new Eco Counter equipment with the City of Columbus.

Marketing & Communications Working Group
The Group has partnered with Experience Columbus to develop a passport program to encourage use to trails. The Group will also advise MORPC’s Trail Town Planning effort.

Operations & Access Working Group
The Group is focused on developing winter trail maintenance guidelines.

Partnership Working Group
The Group recently finalized an Impact of Trails Report, which estimates a return on investment for the Regional Trail Vision.

Sustaining Scioto Board – Board Chair Kristin Atha
The Board met in August with a presentation from LuAnn Dahlman of the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration on the U.S. Climate Resilience Toolkit. The Board will meet again on October 27.

Agricultural and Rural Communities Outreach Team
The Team met in July with a presentation from Jedediah Stinner of USDA-ARS Soil Drainage Research Unit. The Team is in the final stage of deployment of the social science survey among the Upper Scioto River watershed counties.

Rapid 5 – Kerstin Carr, MORPC

Adjourned at 4:00 pm.