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Hi, I'm Keith and I'll be live-tweeting today's Monday, August 16, 2021,
@CityofCleveland Lead Safe Advisory Board's ("LSFB" first public meeting at 9:00 AM.

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LSFB's first public meeting is accessible by remote viewing via zoom. Join us here,

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Public Notice of the LSFB meeting was posted online,

<https://t.co/CQTXznHu2j>

Lead Safe Advisory Board to Hold Public Meeting



Tatyana Mcknight

August 13, 2021

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The City of Cleveland's Lead Safe Advisory Board is hosting its first public meeting on Monday, August 16 from 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. Join us to learn about the lead safe certification implementation progress and plans for a public comment portal.

As a reminder the role of the Lead Safe Advisory Board is to:

- Provide recommendations for improvements to the City's lead safe policies and procedures
- Report quarterly the progress and status of the certification and the coalitions lead efforts
- Complete an impact analysis of the lead certification program

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Learn about Lead and access resources from the Lead Safe Cleveland Coalition "LSCC", a "public-private partnership formed to address the issue of lead poisoning in our community."

<https://t.co/vauFBjZbNb>

LSCC has Lead Data Dashboard a resource,

<https://t.co/FgihC5T2zJ>

[@cwru's](#) Center on Urban Poverty and Community Development's has provided access to their Lead Safe Research for free.

<https://t.co/OfJ7rsdCoN>

Join us in five minute for the live meeting.

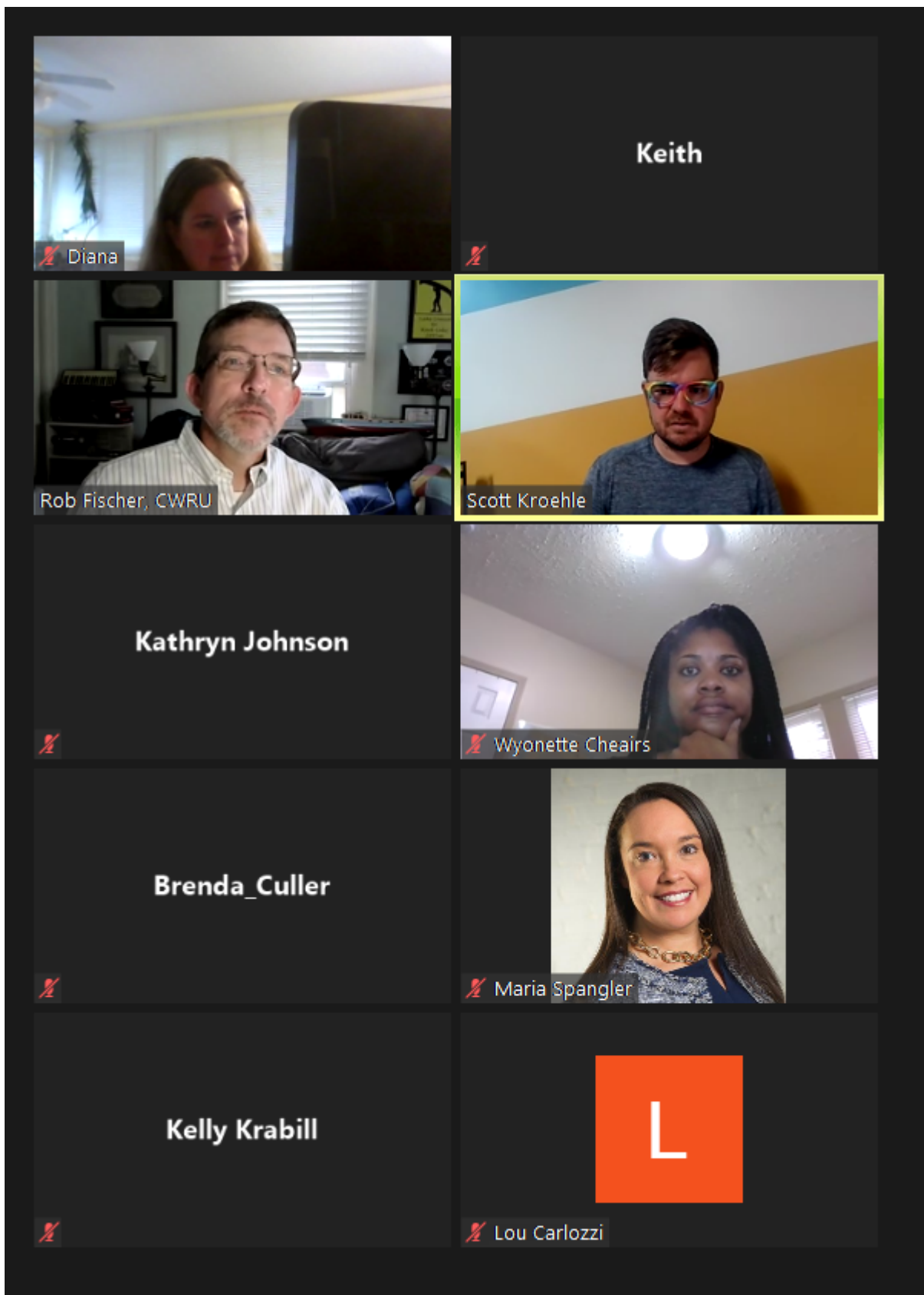
The meeting is live with introductions of LSFB members,

Scott Kroehle, rotating chair for this meeting & a landlord

Rob Fischer, CWRU, lead safe auditor

Wyonette Chearis, senior program officer at Enterprise

Dianne, Howard Hanna, note taker

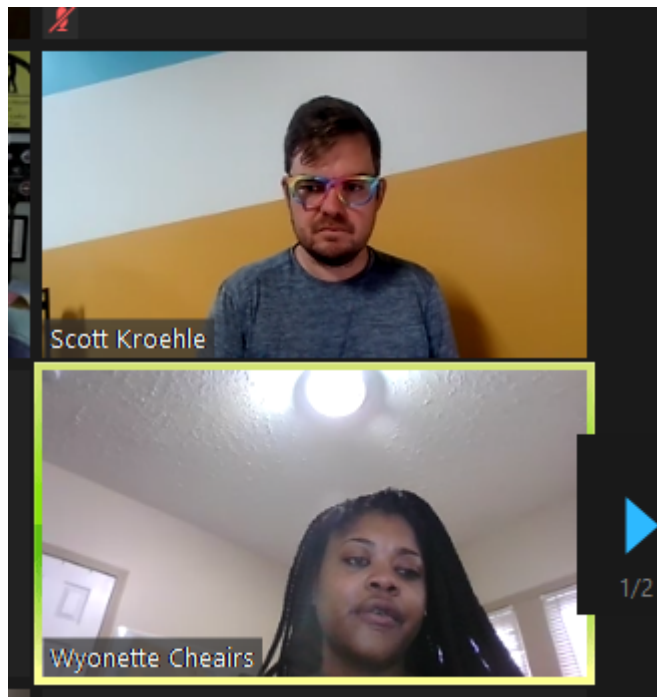


Also in attendance is

Director Antoinette L. Allen, interim director of Department of Building and Housing
Aparna bole, pediatrician at Rainbow Babies

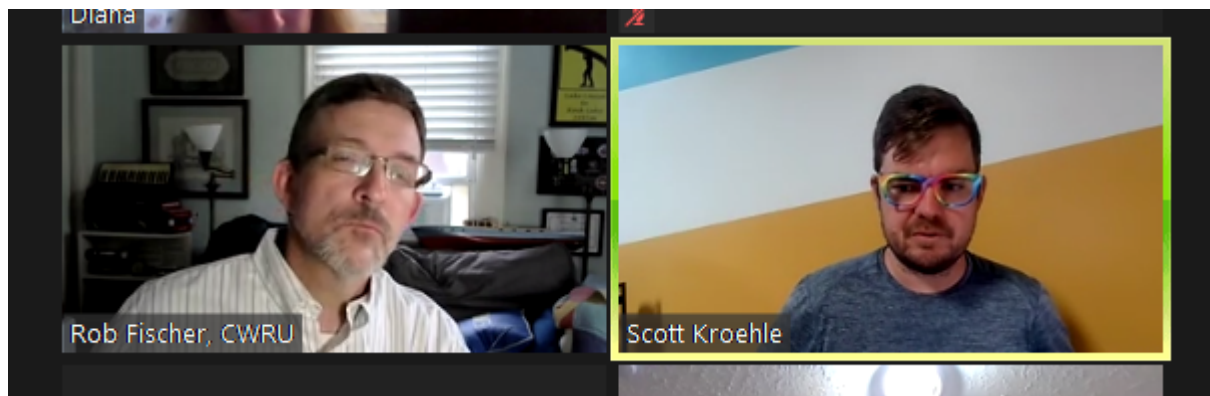
LSFB approved their last meeting minutes via a motion from Wyonette Cheairs.

Scott Kroehle notes that LSFB has made plans on hosting previous minutes and other materials on three websites - Building and Housing, Councils, and Auditor's websites.



LSFB's will have a report ready by November 9 per Rob Fischer.

Dates are not finalized but Kroehle wants to make them publicly noticed as soon as possible.



Wyonette Cheairs commits to working with the [@CityofCleveland](#) to make sure Public Notice of future meetings is published.

Ward 3 Council member Kerry McCormack is present.



Director Allen reviews staffing updates. For one position, they have reduced the typing requirement to obtain applicants for positions. For another position, they have interviewed several candidates whom she has been impressed by.

A user named Alex Ferguson is trolling the board with pornographic graphics via screen sharing.

Another user name Jack Meehof has also engaged in trolling.

Some LSFB staff are perturbed.

Director Allen continues undisturbed by the interruptions. She states, "The biggest issues we are facing is the staffing issues."

Dir Allen, "Another avenue concerning lead enforcement is communication. There may be a lack of awareness or understanding and are working on the communication piece. We finished a 6 page FAQ, which is pending review."

Dir Allen, "It will be hosted on our website that will be used as part of our communication outreach. ... We hear from a lot of folks who don't understand the lead and why they need to do this, why they need to have lead certification."

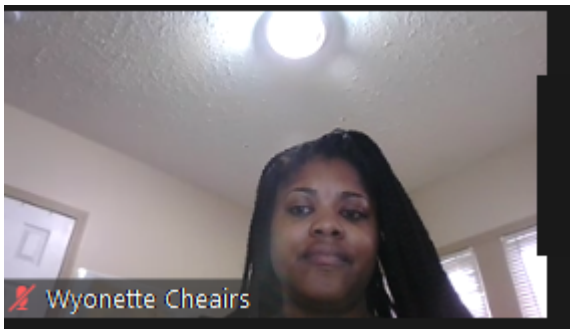
Dir Allen, "Yes, we are looking for more ways to enforce, to prosecute, and issue tickets. So, those are the things we at Building and Housing are doing to enforce compliance."

Scott Kroehle, "I have a question about contractors. The certification is something that seems a lot of contractors got but in practice did not abide to. Who is regulating and enforcing the ROP guidelines within contractors work?"



Dir Allen, "I have not heard that is building and housing. I have not heard that is within out jurisdiction. I can get back and review that."

Wyonette Cheairs, "ROP is an EPA certification, so that will be something for then."



Kroehle, "There is a culture of nominal compliance and with limited or no enforcement among small contractors, we are probably going to see the ongoing nominal compliance, essentially noncompliance."

Dir Allen, "We are open to ideas and suggestions for enforcement."

Rob Fischer reviews the Lead Safe Auditor's Report from Quarter Two.

Lead Safe Auditor

Quarter 2: April -June 2021

Report to the Lead Safe Advisory Board
City of Cleveland

Compliance deadlines for specific zip codes have started.

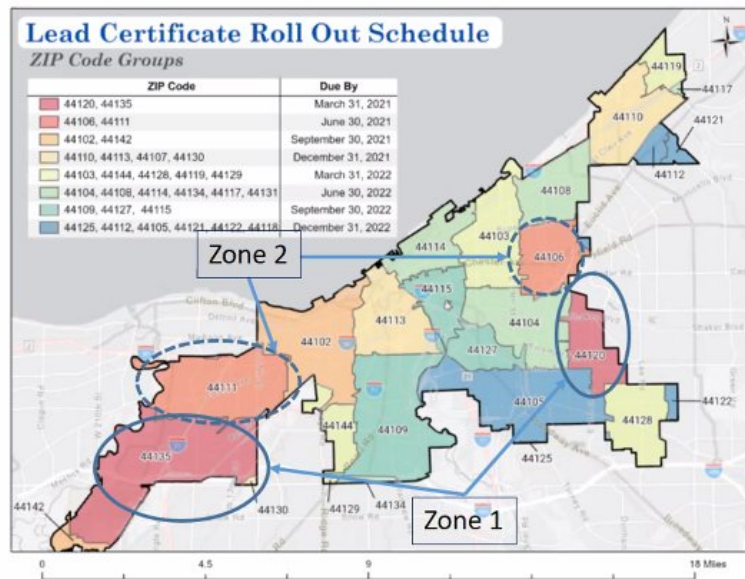
Quarter 1

Zone #: Zip Codes - Deadlines

Zone 1: 44120, 44135 - March 31, 2021

Zone 2: 44106, 44111 - June 30, 2021

Roll-out Zones – Zone 1 (Jan-Mar), Zone 2 (Apr-Jun)



Data compiled concerning Rental Properties in Zone 1 and Zone 2.

Zones 1&2 rental universe

Roll-out Zone	Zip Code	Est Universe of Rental Properties	# Properties on Rental Registry 2019	# Likely Rental Properties not on Rental Registry
Zone 1	44120	4,245	1,146	3,099
	44135	3,039	1,033	2,006
	Total	7,284	2,179	5,105
Zone 2	44111	5,327	1,705	3,622
	44106	1,713	308	1,405
	Total	7,040	2,013	5,027

Note: Data extracted from *Characteristics of Rental Properties and Landlords in Cleveland: Implications for Achieving Lead Safe Rental Housing* (September 2020).

Fischer describes the upward trend of Lead Safe Certification Applications.

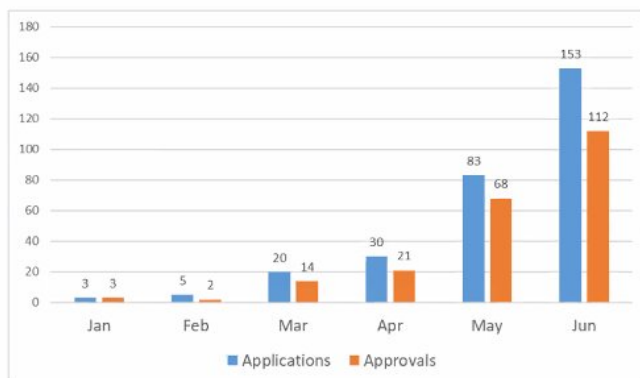
293 applications reflecting 1,011 units

225 approved

45 pending

21 denied

Lead Safe Applications Count by Month & Zone



Zone	Apps	Units	Approved	Pending	Denial
1	130	678	100	19	10
2	103	183	80	23	0
3	33	46	23	1	8
4	4	73	2	1	1
5	8	10	8	0	0
6	3	5	2	0	1
7	6	7	5	0	1
8	6	9	5	1	0
Total	293	1011	225	45	21

- Approved (77%), pending (15%) denied (7%)
- Among applications for which a determination was made (i.e., excluding), 92% approval.
- Applications account for approx 6% of properties in Zones 1 & 2 (previously registered), and 2% of all estimated rentals

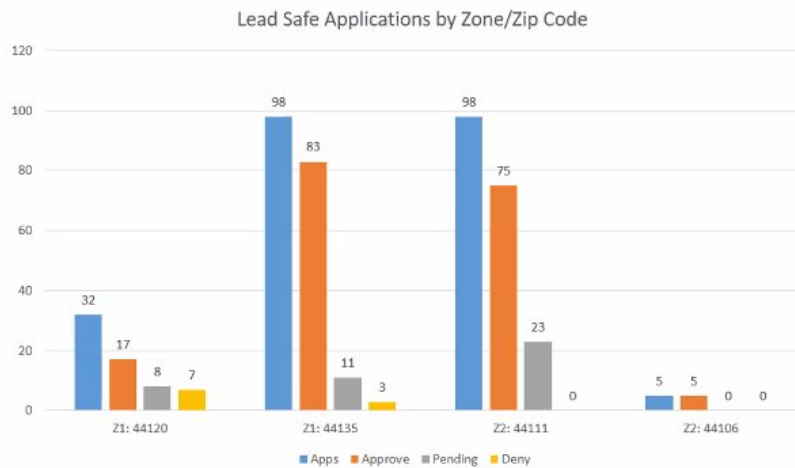
Fischer, "What we are seeing so far is about 6 percent of rentals have applied for Lead Safe Certification. If you use a larger population database, it is about 2%. We have a long way to go. The last few months have shown us an encouraging trend."

Dir Allen, "Even as of today are numbers are approving. Our approvals in above 1054 units."

Some clarifications about whether it was applications or units. Appears there has been a general increase, but specifically units.

Comparing Zone 1 and Zone 2 's zip codes Lead Safe Certificate Applicants data,

Applications in Zones 1 & 2



Zip Codes 44135 and 44111 generated most application volume

Approval rates –
Of All applications
44120 – 53%
44135 – 85%
44111 – 76%
44106 – 100%

Of Apps w/decision
44120 – 71%
44135 – 96%
44111 – 100%
44106 – 100%



Q2 Metrics

Quarter 2 Metrics

Table 3 – Quarter 2 Cumulative Ordinance Metrics

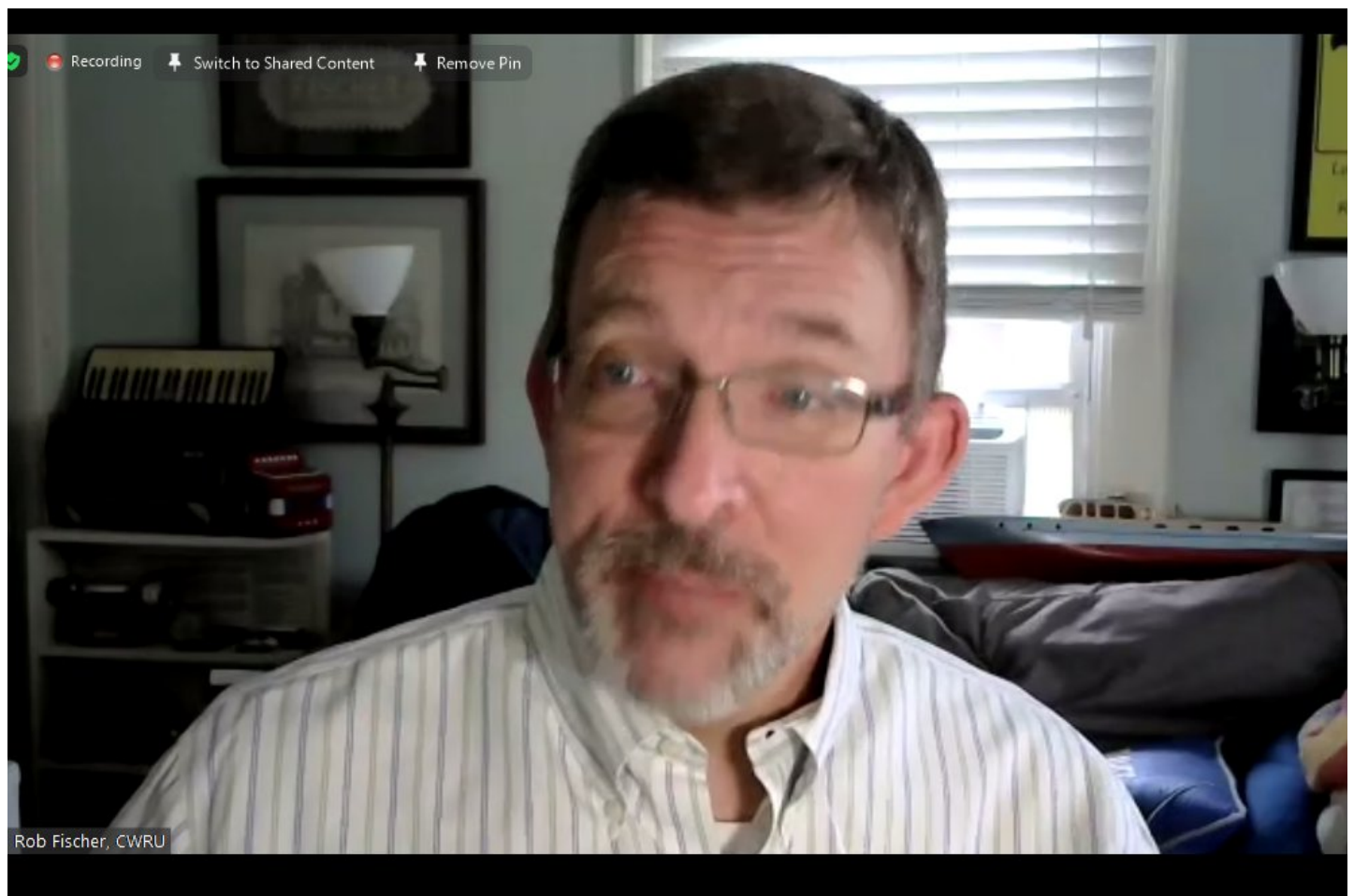
Lead Safe Certification	Count
Lead Safe Certifications submitted	293
Lead Safe Certifications approved	225
Lead Safe Certifications pending	45
Lead Safe Certifications denied	21
Citations for noncompliance	0

Note: One application was coded exempt and one involved a lead control order.

Data on Lead Safe Certification Applications

- Determinations made quickly on completed applications –
 - 4.7 days = Avg time between submission and a determination letter being issued
 - 43% of applications had determination letter generated the same day
 - 87% have a determination within one week of submission
 - Less than 1% had a period of 14 days or longer
- Applications reflect many properties owners with single property –
 - 174 unique property owners applied for lead safe certification; 44% applied for 1 property
 - 8 owners applied for lead safe certification for ≥ 5 properties (27% of all applications)
- Lead inspections conducted by growing pool of licensed contractors –
 - 31 licensed lead assessors conducted lead inspections
 - Half conducted lead inspections for 1-4 properties
 - 3 lead assessors did inspections for nearly 40% of the applications

Fischer, "3 lead assessors of 41 did 40% of the inspections in the first 6 months."



Primary Conclusions

- Substantial growth in lead safe applications and certifications
- Despite growth, compliance with ordinance quite low so far
- Certification application approval rates are high
- Determinations made quickly on completed applications
- Applications reflect many properties owners with single property
- Lead inspections conducted by a growing pool of licensed contractors
- Role for enforcement for noncompliance is eminent

There are no questions about the Auditor's Report.

Kroehle seeks feedback on potentially having an individual on the ground who can assess and spot check actual developments be it with contractors practices or housing implements.

Dir Allen thinks this would have to be planned and someone with a particular skillset.

Wyonette Cheairs chimes in, "We have a survey concerning satisfaction of work but that is small subset of contractors in the free market."



Kroehle shares some concerns about the wide range of data coming from the program, experiences from someone who received a grant and had no PPE and a poor experience with the contractor, among other things.

Dir Allen, "How can we implement a quality insurance program?"

Kroehle, "Yes, I think that would be one component with that. I think it's worth noting that historically, certification approval does not mean compliance actually happens. We're swimming upstream."

Fischer, "We are getting ready to launch the auditor's page. After a summer of churn we are ready to advertise that and would like to cross advertise that with the coalition and the City. We want to make it independent of the city and provide resources and documents."

There is a question from Louise Jackson, "Does every approval result in work by a RRP certified contractor?"

Kroehle responds that the meeting is out of time but hopes someone will be able to email.

Cheairs chimes in and that we will be able to respond via email.

The Lead Safe Advisory Board Meeting adjourned at 10:31AM on August 16, 2021.

Remember to check out Kathryn Johnson's recorded notes of this meeting. They should be posted soon on the Cleveland Documenter's website, access past meetings here:

<https://t.co/bh8hUMTBGG>

To become involved and for more meeting coverage, check out <https://t.co/rgwG6GSYfV>. Have questions? Think we got something wrong? Send any enquiries on the meeting or these tweets to [@cledocumenters](#)

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