



Action Meeting Notes

Stormwater Advisory Board

Meeting Date/Time: July 23, 2013; 6:00 pm

Members present: Matt Witsil; Julie McClintock; George Sparling; Ron Wells; Meg Holton; Alan Rimer; Terry Crook; Pam Herndon; George Retschle; Ed Harrison (Council Liaison)

Members absent: None

Staff: Wendy Smith; Sue Burke

Guests: Martha Dill; Gary Kahn; John Wasik; Ed Utes; Paula Lucignani; David Gellatly; Betsy Kempter; Sally Hoyt

Agenda Item	Discussion points	Motions/Votes	Action
Meeting called to order	N/A	N/A	Meeting began at 6:13 pm. A quorum was present.
Announcements	Ms. McClintock asked staff to give a brief summary of the upcoming Illicit Discharge Workshop on August 6.	N/A	N/A
Introductions	George Retschle was welcomed as the newest Board member. George introduced himself; he is a Principal with Ballentine Associates.	N/A	N/A
Petitions	<p>Several residents addressed the Board.</p> <p>Martha Dill – has lived at the west end of Emory Drive for 39 years. Her property is in a floodplain. Recent flooding was almost as bad as Hurricane Fran when water surrounded her home (Ms. Dill showed digital photos). Has two concerns – 1) understands that the University Mall and Eastgate areas will take priority. Wants to be sure remedies to those areas do not cause more flooding to her neighborhood. 2) the Ephesus Church Road Plan – is concerned that new development will increase the flooding, does not think the plans will be enough. It will be difficult and expensive but it is essential.</p> <p>John Wasik – 609 Brookview Dr. Made seven phone calls to the Town for help to remove debris from stream and property. Did not get any help. His landscaper removed 4-5 inches of sand from his driveway. He still has tree trunks on his property.</p>	N/A	N/A

Petitions (cont.)	<p>Edward Utes - Marin Drive. Runoff from properties (Montclair) behind his home (uphill) flooded his back and side yards (Mr. Utes had video from the flooding). The Town gave the developer permission to build a detention pond and last year the retaining wall collapsed. A culvert needs to run down the hill and extend 100 feet to existing drainage system. Mr. Utes sued Zinn Construction in 2012.</p> <p>David Gellatly – No one pays attention to Booker Creek below 15/501 (Fordham Blvd). He has talked to neighbors; they said they haven't seen Town staff out in six years. They used to come out and clear channel. Problem starts next to Chapel Hill Country Club golf course. There is a ravine 30 feet deep between Meadowmont and The Oaks that could take the water but the channel between Fordham and the ravine is obstructed. Debris needs to be removed and the channel enlarged.</p>		
Approval of Meeting Notes	Defer approval of May meeting notes until August meeting.	N/A	N/A
RCD Fact Sheet	Summary sheet – next steps - needs to be finalized. Mr. Witsil will talk with Jay Gibson and Mary Jane Nirdlinger about the consultant's schedule. Mr. Witsil will prepare a cover email and staff will forward it and the information sheet to those who attended the information sessions and the other advisory boards that indicated an interest in the RCD/buffer topic.	N/A	Staff will email the information sheet with Mr. Witsil's cover email.
Stormwater Budget	<p>The Council approved a stormwater fee increase as part of the budget approval. The ERU basis was changed to 1,000 sq. ft. and new fee is \$24/ERU/yr. This generates approximately \$350,000 more in revenue.</p> <p>Ms. McClintock is interested in how the money is spent and requested a copy of the approved stormwater budget.</p>	N/A	Staff will email a copy of the stormwater budget to Board members.
Overview of June 28 – July 1 storms and related flooding	<p>Staff presented a summary of the June daily rainfall totals. On average, measureable rain occurred approximately every three to five days, with over 15 inches falling for the month. From June 28 to July 1, over eight inches of rain fell. On June 30, five inches were recorded at Horace Williams with three inches falling in less than two hours. This corresponded to the increase in stream stage measured at the Village Drive gage.</p> <p>Approximately 50 calls have been received from residents about flooding. Meadowbrook Drive was closed because of damage to the culvert and a sinkhole behind the curb formed on Honeysuckle at Redbud. Both will require major repairs.</p> <p>Ms. McClintock asked about the status of the library bioretention basin. Staff reported that problems were noted prior to the June 28th rain event. The embankment failed before the contractor could make the repairs. Additional lines of silt fencing were installed downslope to trap sediment. Staff has been in contact with John Holley from NC DENR's Raleigh Regional Office. Mr. Holley will schedule an inspection.</p>	N/A	N/A

<p>Overview of June 28 – July 1 storms and related flooding (cont.)</p>	<p>Other areas especially hard hit by flooding were Eastgate Shopping Center and Camelot Village. Federal Realty, owners of Eastgate, improved the Booker Creek culvert conditions after the flooding in 2000. The recent flooding was largely caused by water surcharging through the drop inlets in the parking areas. Camelot Village is located in the floodway of Bolin Creek. In 2005, the Town received a FEMA grant to acquire three of the buildings. The project was voluntary but required all the unit owners in a single building to agree to a buy-out. Further, 75% of all the owners had to approve the sale of the land. The project was cancelled in 2008 because the necessary participation by the owners was lacking.</p>		
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Crook, seconded by Mr. Retschle. Passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.</p>