

STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

3:30 pm, Thursday, May 10th, 2012

1. Call to Order

Present: Jason, Ed, Josh, Mike, Debbie, Tracy, Lori, Val

2. Approval of Minutes

3. Old Business

A. *AmeriCorps Update*: grant for tree planting gave 400 trees to the town, hopefully used for riparian zones

1. Mapping Josh indicated the inlet mapping was wrapping up for the Fox Run division
2. Events: introduction of Sustainability Coordinator Lori Saal

B. *Stormwater Ordinance Modification Update*. Storm water ordinance still in progress

1. hasn't arrived yet
2. focusing on clarity of wording (about 6 people involved in ordinance – how it should be written, etc.
3. hoping for revised form within few months (scheduling all the people involved challenging)

4. New Business

A. *Earth fest* – scavenger hunt activity developed with characters dressed up to go around sharing environmental information; participants had to get cards and get questions answered, etc

B. *Water fest* at Ijams (educational and fun for kids)

C. *5th Annual Rainy Day Brush-Off*:

1. probably last year will do, Jason pointed out that artistically hard to market those who would buy artistic barrels
2. will consider something new for next year; Jason mentioned Iron-wood Studios (near Broadway/Central Ave) hosting it
3. we are opening this to the community to make it more accessible downtown (can go to water quality forum website to see the barrels)
4. bidding runs from 5/12 through 5/25 with bids starting at \$99) and 25 barrels this year
5. an agreement contract was piloted this year to avoid controversy over art that may include potentially offensive political, religious overtones, etc.
6. closing reception for barrels is scheduled for 5/25 at Ijams where barrels can be picked up

D. *PIE Plan Review*

Stormwater Ordinance Modification update

1. TN came out with application for qualified local program ; Jason's concern is work load that comes with it; we were told we were recommended program
2. Jason shared how we could bring in additional revenue from it to go towards projects (we are looking at a storm-water utility); Jason also shared how he would like to see changes on the ground projects for stream improvement - need a budget reasonable enough to do something
3. our audit: as we move forward, we need to reflect on and then attempt to fix problem (TDEC wants to see this component which requires additional revenue); state is giving up part of permitting/enforcement (local jurisdiction) but can step in with compliance problems - having TDEC/EPA above gives authority behind requirements; Jason believes it will create revenue and streamline efficiency, yet not as stable as a stormwater utility
4. biggest change is our permitting would go on-line, can communicate if something is not being done correctly

5. Jason favored TDEC program but needs role clarification; Ed inquired about fees schedule (i.e. re-inspection of permit or fees issues) ; Jason not aware of charging for those services
6. QLP (Qualified Local program)
Ed noted: looks like fully funded for park; Jason suggested taking board members of Halls outdoor classroom to help convey correct perception and be on same page in terms of expectations
7. Jason indicated Draft budget for next year looks good
8. PIE – document pretty straight forward (goal to quantify success in this) i.e. how does long term impact change kids perspective on water quality, etc; Jason attempted to be visual and concise in this draft document and included what he had “control” over i.e.

Jason addressed each aspect of PIE and believes TDEC wants to see measureable way water quality program is having impact – Jason asked how that could be measured – on education “improved 20% such and such...”

Mike suggested education vs. violations

Ex. Rainbarrels: could indicate how much water was conserved using barrel – “see how much water this barrel has kept from running off....indicate number of people educated in workshops and track use; will still do rainy-day brush off rain barrel but may track how many bought, etc

Jason added including rain gardens – count the number started

Josh indicated very easy to give away the trees (social media interaction) and word of mouth could be a measurement – number of trees gotten out, document where they are being planted, do riparian tree planting and document riparian improvement

Tracy said Knox County sent letters to people living on a creek - could come get trees to plant

Mike Ryon asked about incorporating to adopt a stream program tree planting

Lori suggested getting a “tree city status” (have to include an “arbor day” celebration)

Once we get into new permitting, tie in developer education, rain gardens, etc (Tracy noted issues with infiltration cistern if not placed properly can cause water go into house basement, etc.)

Jason said to e-mail any other comments to him

5. Confirm date of next meeting – all
(The Second Thursday in June is the 14th at 3:30pm)

6. Adjourn Meeting adjourned: 4:45 p.m.

Enforcement Report # of Open NOVs # of Closed NOVs # Total Civil Penalties Assessed Collected 1 16 17
 \$9,775 \$5,375
 Location of Open NOVs Outstanding 1) Open \$2,000
 Lost Assessments Bankruptcy, Sale, Etc. \$2,400