

STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

3:30 pm, Thursday, September 13th, 2012

1. Call to Order:

Present: Jason Scott, Ed Whiting, Steve Stowe, Violet Freudenberg, Debbie Fraser, Kristin Baksa, Gina Inglebarger

2. Approval of Minutes

Steve commented on the geological map mentioned last meeting (July 2012); Jason found the map/report filed with the Town of Farragut, alerting the SAC of its availability as a resource relative to stormwater issues; Gina offered to scan the large geological map to send SAC a digital document; Jason noted the goal to keep the first 1" of rainwater on location - the map would be a valuable resource in considering infiltration issues relative to sub-terrain geology); no additional comments/additions were made to the July 2012 minutes

3. Old Business

A. Outdoor Classroom

Several consultants developing "working" plan and are apparently ones that understand the outdoor classroom well. Jason will review bids for the park and meet with other Town of Farragut personnel when considering the bids, design, ability to help facilitate installation relative to concept plan, etc.

Once classroom plan has been chosen and the 319(h) grant funding signed (20% match reimbursement grant) work can begin; clarification is needed whether SAC will do the final plan approval or the commission – there is concern that the park section closer to the road (Cambell Station) needs to be more "park-like"; SAC will try and accommodate aesthetic appeal along the road, more natural riparian zone/plantings near the stream in back

Jason noted how the park joins a flood easement which will have a green-way connecting nearby – the area is currently cleared out as utility space; Farragut High adopted this entire section of stream; Adopt-a-Stream will be a huge focus this year for Americorp member Christ Woudstra, who plans to work with homeowner associations and nearby businesses with hope of getting all the streams adopted; Americorp position will also have an ongoing role to facilitate the use and educational aspect of the Cambell Station park

4. New Business

A. New member welcome and introduction – Membership Slots All Filled

New Members: Kristin Baksa Gina Inglebarger Valerie McFall (TDEC)
(AmeriCorp member Christ Woudstra absent today while working with Beaver Creek Watershed)

B. AmeriCorps Photo Competition 2012, 1st Place In Votes at Close Of Voting:

(We received 1,310 votes with 2nd place receiving 1,276 votes. and 2.6K Facebook 'likes'
2nd place received 36. There were 256 entries.)

Results will be announced the 18th of the month. 1st Place will Receive \$2k, 2nd will receive \$500. We ended the photo competition in first place - voting is currently being verified; Jason indicated that if won, part of the \$2000 will go towards water quality projects and with Chris (AmerCorp) and Water Quality Team involvement, a joint project/effort across the county may develop. In addition, a portion of the funds will be donated to AmeriCorps Alums, encouraging former service members to continue their service locally, and part of the funds will be reinvested in the creative process through the acquisition of some photo equipment.

Jason indicated that a video contest regarding water issues may be considered in the future which carries a larger prize that could help support the water quality projects/education

C. Public Comment on Annual Report To TDEC

SAC viewed the Annual Report document: Violet noted the adjustment needed for the date on the document; the stormwater management plan is done; Jason pointed out that food service and automotive business have to apply with the notification that these type businesses are potential hot spots for contributing to water pollution – will have to identify how the organization will avoid lessen the impact

D. Potential Artistic Cistern Grant Proposal

Jason shared that the TN Stormwater Association in conjunction with TDOT/TDEC accepting applications for grants for green-retro fits – specifically lists cisterns; Jason and Lori (*sustainability coordinator*) – looked at use of an above ground cistern to help with irrigation with tremendous conservation and educational potential benefits of visible location adjacent to Farragut Town Hall; proposal included a working sketch of the artistic cistern done by artist Jill Sander, which would include educational and interpretive signs visible to pedestrian traffic near the cistern; hope to catch 5000 gallons at a given time, allowing for switch between rain and utility capability – display would explain the function and benefits of the above ground cistern

Costs included the grant support and the Town of Farragut (about 30K) but would involve minimum cost for installation overall considering the environmental/educational benefits and visibility of the artistic cistern (where most are buried making people unaware of its use)

SAC considered the artistic cistern a valuable asset to the town but agreed with the idea that the decorative/artistic component to tie into the historical aspect of this strip of land; historical illustration was thought to be more appealing to most and may bring state award recognition

Questions were raised regarding maintenance and acrylic paint seemed to the best for durability and lowering of maintenance on the design

The Stormwater Advisory Committee member Ed Whiting motioned to approve the above ground decorated cistern green plant project application. The motion was second, then unanimously approved by all members present

E. Enforcement report

Jason reviewed the Enforcement Report that he had updated - explained relationship between bankruptcy and fines; relative to county we issue slightly less violations but issue more civil penalties

Ed put copy of SAC charter in the packet and fiscal year 2012 report in packet which Ed/Jason consider final but committee can comment on

5. Confirm date of next meeting – all

(The Second Thursday in Oct 11 at 3:30pm)

6. Adjourn

Enforcement Report (Last Updated September 7, 2012)

# of Open NOV's	# of Closed NOV's	# Total Civil Penalties Assessed	Collected
3	28	31	\$17,400
Location of Open NOV's			Outstanding
1) Open			\$1,175
Lost Assessments	Bankruptcy, Sale, Etc		\$6,000

% Resolved: 90%

CP Funds Spent To-Date: \$0