Stormwater Advisory Committee Minutes – August 11th 2011

By: Jason R. Scott

Call to Order at 3:30pm

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the July 2011 meeting were approved.

Skipped ahead to New Business, F. Preliminary Discussion of Cistern Demonstration Opportunity.

Representatives of Perfect Water presented a proposal to install a 2,500 gallon above ground tank cistern system with a pump with a proposal price of $8,996.68. The price included a $2,400 reduction in cost because of the demonstration nature of the project. The project would provide water to one irrigation zone and serve as a backup water supply to the splash pad.

Discussion of the project revolved around understanding the provided statistics and some concerns that were raised by John Tyner and Ed Whiting concerning the practical (cost/benefit/payback) aspect of the project. Dennis Rochat with Perfect Water explained that based on the location and because the park was not originally designed for use of a cistern, the payback period was not ideal (approximately 50 years) but because the intent of the installation was for demonstration purposes that would counterbalance the less than ideal practicality of the proposed demonstration. The general consensus on the project was that it would be of value although there was some reservation due to the lack of a compelling cost/benefit/payback component at the McFee Park Site.

Jason Scott mentioned the potential of nominating McFee Park Phase II w/ the rainwater harvesting feature for an Environmental Stewardship Award.

Jason Scott will be securing 2 competing written quotes.

Old Business

A. Election of Secretary:
   With the lack of an immediate volunteer, staff member Jason Scott self-nominated to complete the minutes for the current meeting. The committee will revisit this item at the next meeting allowing new members additional time for consideration of the secretarial responsibilities.

B. Outdoor Classroom. This item remains pending confirmation of funding from the State Department of Agriculture.

C. Proposed New Drainage Policy, Further Discussion
   There was general discussion on the language in the proposed new policy. John Tyner and Ed Whiting had concerns that in the later part of the document that the language would not make sense to property owners and that usage of the word “may” in the document came across as non-committal. Tracy Jones defended the “may” legal language as a necessary defense of the

municipality. The resulting decision was to remove the definitions for Extent of Service and Level of Service as their inclusion seemed unnecessary, maintaining the usage of the word "may" under "Town of Farragut Responsibilities" but reconciling the first section describing sections "highly susceptible to flood damage" with sections "not susceptible to flooding." It was also determined that a definition of BMPs would be useful to help laymen understand the terminology, and the removal of text stating "*The Town Engineer may defer to the Stormwater Advisory Committee for a recommendation on any or all cases involving the Stormwater management system."

Jason Scott will make these changes and pending approval, the SAC will make a motion on the proposed drainage policy at the next SAC meeting.

D. Final Approval of Annual Report
The report was approved pending the fix of several typos.

E. Update on Water Quality Scorecard Status
The Town of Farragut's score of 41.73% and how it compares to other cities in the State was discussed.

Due to the length of the meeting, the remaining New Business items as well as the conclusion of E. Water Quality Scorecard Status were deferred to the next SAC meeting.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed for September 8^{th} at 3:30pm

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm.