

Minutes
STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
3:30 pm, Thursday, September 8, 2011

In attendance: Jason Scott, Mike Ryon, John Tyner, Tracy Jones, Ed Whiting, Debbie Fraser, Violet Freudenburg, Troy Wedekind (First Utility District), Natalie Lester (Shopper News)

1. Call to Order: The Stormwater Advisory Committee meeting began at 3:30 pm

2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the August 2011 meeting were approved

3. Old Business

- A. Election of Secretary: General discussion occurred; Debbie Fraser & Tracy Jones voiced concerns over the time requirements of the position; ultimately, Debbie accepted the position of Secretary contingent upon working in conjunction with staff on the minutes
- B. Outdoor Classroom: Letter Received:
Discussion of the letter concerning the proposed outdoor classroom centered around determining how to re-scope the existing outdoor classroom proposal to meet the \$10K awarded by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture's 319(h) grant program. Jason Scott stated he would submit the original plan via email to the SAC to consider for the next meeting. Debbie Fraser suggested that the restroom facility which encompassed a large portion of the original budget could be separated and moved back in a phased approach to the project. Tracy Jones suggested AmeriCorps would contribute some labor and donations from industry could potentially optimize what is realized for the money. John Tyner recommended continuing to pursue the funding the TOF had originally budgeted for the project this fiscal year before it was moved back (\$50K?). Ed Whiting suggested breaking the project into modules, establishing a cost-per-module and selling it that way. Ed noted that there was significant interest in the BOMA to see the this parcel developed and move forward. Debbie Fraser asked if ownership transfer to the school was still a possibility. Jason Scott stated that it was an option still on the table to optimize student usage of the space.
- C. Proposed New Drainage Policy, Final Discussion (w/ Gary Palmer)
Jason Scott presented the final revision of the previously proposed drainage policy and requested a motion to recommend approval of the policy as-is to the BOMA. After a brief review, John Tyner made a motion to approve recommendation. John was seconded by Tracy Jones and the proposed new drainage policy was unanimously approved.
- D. Update on Water Quality Scorecard Status
Jason Scott presented the findings of the water quality scorecard highlighting the final overall score of 47.08% and explaining how it compared to the city of Franklin and Nashville metro, both of whom had a score in the mid-50s. Jason Scott noted that the scorecard was completed ahead of schedule but would be sending it in with the annual report for last fiscal year as opposed to the annual report for the next fiscal year. John Tyner suggested moving forward with identifying "low hanging fruit" and making the changes sooner than later would be favorable

E. Cistern Project Update

Jason Scott presented the results of one written cost comparison that had been submitted since the previous discussion and noted that a second was pending. The quoted came from Superior Drainage Products and came with a price of \$47,313 which was nearly \$40,000 greater than the price quoted by Rainwater Solutions. Pending the final quote Jason Scott expressed anticipation of moving forward with the project

4. New Business

F. Discussion of TDEC Annual Report

Draft of TDEC annual report was presented to the SAC for informational review to meet the requirement noted in the new NPDES Municipal Stormwater Permit which calls for an opportunity for public comment on annual reports

G. Preliminary Discussion of Turkey Creek Task Force

Jason Scott briefly discussed the recent formation of a Turkey Creek Task Force involving TDOT, FUD, The Town of Farragut, the city of Knoxville, Knox County and potentially Loudon County to develop a plan that identifies and addresses watershed level problems in the Turkey Creek Watershed. Jason Scott emphasized concerns with identify the source of *E.coli* and briefly discussed runoff from impervious surfaces (roads and parking lots) as a potential major contributor to *E.coli* impairment.

H. General Discussion of Charlotte, NC Trip on Stream Mitigation Programs.

Brief update by Jason Scott concerning his recent trip to Charlotte/Mecklenburg County and what he learned about CMC's successful, long standing stream mitigation program. Jason Scott emphasized that a local embodiment of this type of program would likely be far more simplified but that it would become a part of the program over time.

5. Confirmed Date of Next Meeting

Thursday October 13, 2011 at 3:30 pm

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:45 pm