

STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
3:30 pm, Thursday, November 10th, 2011

In attendance: Jason Scott, Mike Ryon, John Tyner, Ed Whiting, Debbie Fraser,
Violet Freudenberg, Josh Cunningham, Ruth Hawk

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Minutes

3. Old Business

- A. Outdoor Classroom Update: (Grant & Potential Volunteer Groups)
Ed Whiting mentioned mayor meeting to discuss fund raising – no known outcome yet
Josh shared news about Eagle Scout volunteers available to help with park preparation
- B. Freaky Friday: Josh noted a turnout of about 60-70 due to poor weather vs. the usual 1500;
nonetheless, good opportunity to meet with community and to distribute water quality
information
- C. Adopt-A-Stream/AmeriCorps Update: New Section for SAC, Other Recent Group
Accomplishments: BRRB will be cleaning up their section; JC Penny and Fox Run HOA
will be helping with Adopt-A-Stream (currently have about 11 groups: 7-8 very involved)

Inlet mapping/various storm drains: Josh has finished 1st quadrant, working on dry weather
screening/searching for illicit discharges; he is searching for a stream for SAC to adopt

4. New Business

- D. Policy Update – Draft Revised Stormwater Ordinance
Aquatic buffer ordinance will be updated – based on model ordinance MTAS (municipal
technical advisory service); Jason pointed out the most notable changes deal with buffer
changing/set-back requirements; committee members discussed wording/meaning of
ordinance and whether requirements for aquatic buffer were stringent enough, whether SAC
wanted to add even more requirements to those required by the state/FEMA; suggestions
were made to add to definitions section of the document to bring clarification, as well as
tables listing buffer dimensions (vs. being embedded/lost in wordy paragraphs); John
suggested the use of bullets to help clarify requirements; Mike noted some flexibility may be
needed in ordinance to avoid being anti-business while still maintaining protection of
waterways. Ruth added the idea that buffer requirements also help avoid making stupid
decisions/protect business (i.e. building too close to flood plain); Mike and Jason suggested
the use of mapping the buffer information to help with evaluation of wording – what needs to
be added or consolidated; several examples of ambiguity were addressed (fine/violation
clarification, definition of contaminant, monitoring the first inch of rainfall, mitigation, etc):
Ruth commented that if something was unclear to us, it would be unclear to others/developers
and should be adjusted – currently written for flexibility, yet needs clarity. Jason pointed out
that UT is working on a manual (BMPs) similar to Nashville/Davidson manual that could be
considered when available. SAC agreed to take longer look at document and to discuss
further in future meeting(s)

5. Confirm date of next meeting –

The Second Thursday in December is the 8th at, 3:30pm

6. Adjourn The meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm