

STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC)

MINUTES

3:30 pm, Thursday, October 11th, 2012

1. Call to Order:

present: Kristin Baksa, Jason Scott, Steve Stowe, Chris Woudstra, Ed Whiting, Debbie Fraser

2. Approval of Minutes

3. Old Business

A. AmeriCorps Photo Competition

Our entry won (unicorn-water pollution photo) and money will help fund water quality projects with the Town of Farragut & Knox County Water Quality Forum. Jason shared an idea developing a video of AmeriCorp water quality work throughout the year around Knoxville and enter the video at the next level (higher paying) competition

AmeriCorp plans to audit trash at Farragut park – what is/isn't recyclable– then use the waste audit information to help improve recycling efforts; survey will help gauge interest in recycling for Farragut as it considers trash service

B. TDEC Annual Report Submitted, Receipt of Report Acknowledged

We had verification that audit/ annual report received - at this moment seems fine

C. Artistic Cistern Grant Proposal Application Approved and Submitted for \$30000

Artistic Cistern grant proposal approved for application -recommendations made by the Town of Farragut combined with our proposal as to how we are to make it more competitive in the future for awards and funding (competition) was approved as presented with the art work shown; other configurations are possible (in the \$5000 range, mostly silo form). If the money is awarded, SAC will then consider configurations (blending in setting but visible). There were 12 applicants at the time and we will hear the results by the end of this month/ beginning of next; if awarded this, we will discuss further in our next meeting

D. Outdoor Classroom – Working on Putting out To Bids w/ Engineering Drawings

We want to get engineering plans for design (town administrator and engineer – want part on road-front manicured and mounds were mentioned); Jason/town currently putting together bids; addition of engineering adds \$10-12k; Ed asked whether landscaping professionals could not design area (less expensive); plan is to get Chris out there working with groups to start putting things in – this process needs to be addressed; money is in the budget,

E. Stormwater Ordinance Review – Ongoing

Jason stated slower process than anticipated, but not to rush – what we want to propose will need to live with. We want to advertise meeting for input since many are affected by it and we want to have good participation in the input meeting to make it function well. The SAC (Stormwater Advisory Committee) may look at it, make changes, then have Tom Hillard review proposed final project. Ordinances have to have two readings and Jason hopes to have it rolling by next year.

The model ordinance aggregated things in broad categories - Farragut breaks it down more so that smaller components could be overhauled without major sections removed SAC will review and make recommendations. Kristin addressed issues of how to get the word out concerning requirements within ordinance; Jason suggested workshops, etc., to help educate the public of ordinance.

4. New Business

A. New member welcome and introduction.

Valerie McFall not here but is our TDEC representative

Chris Woudstra (AmeriCorp member) coordinates our Adopt- a-Stream program – it is a manpower intensive challenge to recruit and maintain folks to commit to an assigned stream area. Chris enjoys working with people - a good choice to work with Adopt- a-Stream. Jason feels Chris is a good personality match for this program with his interest in working with and coordinating people

B. Adopt-A-Stream – Chris Update .

Chris surveyed our “adoptable” stream sections to try and match accessibility, etc. due to age of group members adopting a stream; (Ex. FHS ROTC wants a challenge, large groups like church volunteers might be able to take an area since a large group has many people available to recruit). Transitions make it hard to keep volunteers up on responsibility/stream commitment. Steve asked about plans to publicize adopt a stream. One incentive is that we put up signs after one year of committing to the Adopt-a-Stream adjacent to the section adopted; will consider Farragut press and video spots – not defined program per se in terms of outreach mechanism Chris is working with folks in the county, to come up with a large plan to make outreach higher and retention improvement of volunteers, to make it a sense of community and make the commitment manageable and attractive. Chris has done research on how to recruit people. Jason said he is looking to expand the program, like monitoring programs, including visual assessments, putting acknowledgements in Farragut Press, etc, to be positive and encouraging. We have had 6-8 groups for years...probably 4 to 5 that do it consistently (FHS ROTC!!!) Chris is available to help direct this

C. Ed addressed location in front of NHC drainage issue – when is it stream vs not –

5. Confirm date of next meeting

(The Second Thursday in November the 8th at 3:30pm)

6. Adjourn 4:22 pm

Enforcement Report (Last Updated September 13, 2012) # of Open NOVs # of Closed NOVs

Total Civil Penalties Assessed Collected 3 28 31 \$17,400 \$8,925

Location of Open NOVs Outstanding 1) Open \$1,175

Lost Assessments Bankruptcy, Sale, Etc. \$6,000

% Resolved: 90% CP Funds Spent To-Date: \$0