

Minutes
STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
3:30 pm, Thursday, June 13th, 2013

1. Call to Order present: Jason Scott, Chris, Ed Whiting, Kristin Baksa, Debbie Fraser,
2. Approval of Minutes (no quorum, not able to approve – delayed for next meeting)
3. Old Business

A. Confirm SAC Term Renewals. – violet renewed, gina not renewed (next th planning comm.. will approve – have applicant to replace gina) Valerie came late

B. Discuss progress of Outdoor Classroom.

Meeting with town board discussed: parking issue was of major concern, but no dramatic demands for changes on the classroom plan – first plan was favorable. Chris Jenkins (town engineer) had ADA accessible spot with 3 additional parking spots allotted in on parking area, with an alley for an easier pull-out by cars. The parking section on plan was restructured. Another issue concerned the floodway on the property: part of the plan allowed for flood plain and bio-retention areas which needed to be kept out of floodway. McGill had some concern about the flood plain map accuracy – had surveyor look at it to determine accuracy of flood plain map or scale issues, etc. (For example –creek is not shown on the map). Currently trying to determine inaccuracies which may or may not affect the bio-retention area and the line of the flood plain will affect walkway placement. Overall, the plan is to go with basically plan 1 with parking area restructured and the main berm along main road extended on side along the school entrance road to provide more visual buffer.

The Planning commission will look at the documents next week, and it should be ready to roll soon.

Projects for the Outdoor Classroom (demonstrations, partnerships, etc) will hopefully be set up in advance to allow time to organize and implement.

4. New Business

Stormwater Ordinance: revisions to flood ordinance, working on stormwater ordinance revisions; green infrastructure includes first 1" rain retained: infiltration requirement could help alleviate stress on streams (reduction of flooding) and include a wider spread/adoption of green technology. SAC will be extending permitting process training, offering classes to educate businesses on stormwater requirements. Smaller business will likely have a transitional phase to help acclimate to the new ordinance. Classes will be offered next year for permit process, stormwater pollution plan production as they operate and familiarize them with the role of the inspectors. Specialized training for inspectors may promote a nonpunative approach to encourage reception of permitting process. Usually a few is involved with the permitting process, but class attendance would reduce or remove the costs. The Town of Farragut and Knox County Ordinances are similar in wording – allows for continuity for the area.

Inspectors will be updated on new technology used (ex. Oil-water separator). An attempt to reach out to the engineering and development community with changes to the Stormwater Ordinance, educating them about the changes. (Ex. NHC expanded and put in rain gardens). To get the word out, town will offer gathering sessions, perhaps through brochures or mailing and include information in site review processes. Ideally, the town may be able to offer options that could save money to some of the businesses when employing stormwater practices.

C. Discuss things to anticipate in coming year:

- Revision of Stormwater Ordinance
- Expansion of permitting processes
- Outreach to Engineering/Development community
- Implementation of Outdoor Classroom Site
(Chris, Josh and new Americorp member, Gwen, will be available to help with classroom)

TWRA – offering aquatic protection grants (\$1000 +). We are looking at these for possible funding of water quality based projects at outdoor classroom.

Rain barrel sale at Chilhowee. Park this Saturday: there were problems with the article and pre-ordering deadlines; several expressed interest in purchasing rain barrels - hope to sell out .

5. Confirm date of next meeting: Second Thursday in July the 11th at, 3:30pm)

6. Adjourn 4:30 p.m.

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