



**MINUTES
STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2017
3:30PM
COMMUNITY ROOM**

Committee Members Present:

Ken Hawkins, Violet Freudenberg, Marie Meszaros, Valerie McFall

Youth Member Present:

Jack Gibson

Committee Members Absent:

Ed Whiting, Joe Wolfe

Staff Present:

Lori Saal (Stormwater Coordinator)

Other:

Alderman Ron Williams

Call to Order

Ken called the meeting to order at 3:42pm.

Approval of the Minutes

Ken made a motion to approve the March minutes, Valerie seconded and all were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Projects

Lori said that there have recently been many projects; a lot of them were involving trees. The Wentworth Greenway tree planting involved about 10-15 volunteers and took around 2-3 hours to complete. Lori said that there would also be a sign placed on the site. Lori discussed planting around 100 plants at Farragut High School and discussed the other locations where tree seedlings were planted. All of the trees are flagged so that they won't be mowed over. The leftover trees were donated. Around 600 trees were given away.

The last project for the fiscal year is grant funded and enables the Town's stormwater program to buy invasive species tools and a to have a riparian buffer workshop. This workshop is targeted at homeowners; they are bringing in Dr. Andrea Ludwig and Dr. Brad Collett, a landscape architect.

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The event is June 10th; from 9-11am is the presentation portion and the site visits will be from 11-12pm comparing bad buffer vs. good buffer. The workshop will include a hands-on component to demonstrate a 3D version of the riparian buffer. This will be located at the Town of Farragut. Courtney, the Town of Farragut AmeriCorps member, is working on tree models for the demonstration. There are many different species and the 3D pieces will show the differences. Will probably limit the workshop to 20 people. There will be refreshments and snacks. Lori will also speak about Town regulations.

Marie asked about the roofs of the birdhouses, Lori said that she would speak to Courtney.

MS4 Permit

The Town has officially received coverage under the permit with the official start date as May 1st. Lori said that there was a bill that all TDEC permits have to be reviewed before the general assembly. There was an amendment that TDEC is to report the financial information, the cost comparison. Marie asked if it would impacts anything in our permit, Lori and Ken said not at this moment.

Outdoor Classroom

Previously spoke about the shed at the outdoor classroom. Masonry is contracted out. Lori is going to ask what portion needs to follow the architectural design standards, if it is considered minor. It has to be 60% masonry. She explained that this shed is to replace the current tool box.

SPAP

This is a way to address the illicit discharges portion of the MS4 permit. The Committee spoke previously about hotspots that could cause pollution. The Town has had a voluntary program in the past, where businesses were shown a video and asked to join the program. Lori is looking into moving into an ordinance for new and developing projects. Old businesses will still have the training, which is a required portion of the permit. Lori included the proposed language and went through the document. The Committee discussed different businesses that could potentially be hotspots. Lori asked that we look over the document before the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Members

Our youth member, Jack Gibson, has joined us for the committee. Introductions were made around the room. Jay Lee has resigned from the committee because of scheduling conflicts.

Infrastructure Mapping

Lori said that they are contracting for stormwater infrastructure mapping. This will include items such as the catch basins, pipes, how many, depth, size, what is their condition, estimated length of time before failure. This helps with the permit requirements. This would be for the just public areas. Hope to have an infrastructure replacement plan. Contracting with the UT Water Resources Research Center. Worked on a draft scope and getting the budget.

Ken adjourned the meeting at 4:46pm. The next meeting is Thursday, May 11th at 3:30pm in the Town Hall Board Room.

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