

Hazard Mitigation & River Use Commission

January 18, 2011

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners

Triplitt – present

Parry – present

Engel – present

Reinhardt – absent

Schloemer – present

Neuendorf – present

Staff:

CE Cherry – present

CA Crayne – absent

Liaison:

CC-Lieb - present

Mayor-Brunkhorst – present

Guests:

Kip Ladage

Duane Liddle

APPROVE AGENDA: motioned – Neuendorf, seconded – Parry

APPROVE MINUTES: motioned – Parry, seconded – Engel

Passed 5-0, Reinhardt absent

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

CC Lieb: Handed out copies of the Goals Setting Report by City of Waverly.
Then asked the Commission for directions in 2011.

Kip Ladage: Spoke of a few fun events they do on the Wapsie River: New Year's Day kayak run and winter golf.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

LSB Gift: Discussed crossing guards and rain barrels

Confirmed with Glenn Engel that the sign was going on the East side of fire station. Brad Biermann, City employee, will install when weather warms up and CE Cherry to mark high water line.

Ladage: Asked about a formal ceremony. None wanted by Commission.

CE Cherry: Was asked to get prices for crossing guards.

NEW BUSINESS

Schloemer appointed secretary pro-tem, for January 18th meeting, replacement will be named later.

Replacements for Monty Gritzner : Deb Turnbull or Joe Bagelmann were offered as choices.

Mayor: Informed Commission replacement should be female to stay in compliance with 2012 gender equity laws.

Goals & Priorities:

Reviewed 2010 goals – see May 10th, 2010 minutes for top 6

Engel: Asked for a flood response test run, 2-4 hours max. scaled down version.

Ladage: CERT trainees could help.

Parry: Asked if City employees were aware of the plan.

CE Cherry: Responded – yes.

Parry: Concerned with the notification process.

CE Cherry: Code red system up & running.

Mayor: To speak with CA Crayne to co-ordinate test.

CC Lieb: We have to let people know what has been done in the last 2 years.

2011 Goals:

1. Review action plan and test it.
2. Strong attendance at Water Shed meetings
3. Get money for rain barrels
4. River use development
5. Complete crossing guards and dam updates
6. Work closely with river development commissions
7. Present information to City council to get needed funds.

Mayor: Will speak with Dr. Main to act as conduit to river use meetings.

Flood Awareness Week:

March 14-18

Triplitt: Suggested open house in lieu of regular commission meeting for March 15th.

Activities planned:

- Open House at Civic Center
- Dam updates
- SE Flood Study update
- Advertise rain barrels

TABLED ITEMS: none

PROJECT STATUS REPORTS

Dam Reconstruction:

CE Cherry: Updated dam progress – included work on mechanical room – first concrete pour scheduled for week of January 25th.

Encouraged contractors to look at 6 to 7 day work week to get caught up.

SE Flood Study:

2nd public open house scheduled for Feb. 22, 2011 at Civic Center 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

CE Cherry: Asked for ground level views on the barricades.

Dry Run Creek:

CE Cherry: Informed Commission on status on Federal grant monies for improvements. There will be none, as cost exceeds benefits

Engel: Asked about future plans for dry run.

CE Cherry: There is a well documented plan.

Neuendorf: Asked if Council had incentives to fund improvements to dry run?

CC Lieb: Suggested perhaps smaller portions of the dry run to be improved as monies became available.

CE Cherry: All monies would have to be local, Federal money on levee available for homes in flood plain.

Engel: Retention ponds?

Parry: What about pooling?

CC Lieb: May have to re-evaluate the dry run in the fall after the dam reconstruction.

Concluded: If no Dry Run Creek improvements, the number of homes removed from flood plain would drop by approximately 20% from previous forecasts.

River Gauges:

Ladage: All gauges in place.

CE Cherry: confirmed.

SUBCOMMITTEES

River Use – Reinhardt

Commission agreed – more emphasis on recreation needed.

Planning & Zoning – Neuendorf

Soil & Water Conservation District – Triplitt

Attended last soil and water meeting – discussed - water retention and water quality works together.

SE Flood Evaluation – Neuendorf & Schloemer

2nd public open house scheduled for 2/22/11 from 4:30 – 6:30 at Civic Center.

Community Action Plan – Triplitt, Engel, Parry

Discussed test run for flood plan.

GROUP DISCUSSION

Kip Ladage: Informed the commission that Waverly was not on the Cedar River Basin maps and was concerned. We need to be more proactive.

Open House scheduled for 3-8-11 for Cedar River Parkway.

CC Lieb: Asked about funding for the Parkway.

Mayor: Asked if AECOM should attend our March 15th meeting.

Triplitt & Engel: Asked for updates and summaries from the SE Study to be presented to Commission on March 15th.

Mayor to send info on rain barrels to commissioners.

Commission discussed funding the rain barrels (LSB monies)

CE Cherry: informed Commission the Yard Waste Site would open April 1, 2011. Suggested selling rain barrels at Yard Waste Site on April 1st.

Triplitt and Neuendorf volunteered to work on rain barrel program. Should have info on March 15th.

Adjournment: 9:15 p.m. – moved: Engel, seconded: Neuendorf