

## Minutes

### Hazard Mitigation/River Use Commission

Waverly Civic Center  
7:00 pm, May 17, 2011

#### Attendance:

#### Commissioners:

Triplitt – Present      Parry – Absent      Engel – Present      Jacks – Present  
Reinhardt – Absent      Schloemer – Present      Neuendorf – Present

#### Staff:

C.E. Cherry – Present      C.A. Crayne – Absent

#### Liaison:

C.C. Lieb – Present      Mayor Brunkhorst - Present

#### Guests:

Hank Bagelmann – P&Z  
Richard Dann – P&Z

- 1) **APPROVE AGENDA: motion – Schloemer, seconded – Engel      Passed 5-0**
- 2) **APPROVE PREVIOUS MINUTES: motion – Engel, seconded - Jacks**

#### 3) Questions/Comments from guests:

Tab Ray, Gene Lieb & Steve Main attended the Cedar River Watershed Coalition meeting and reported on some of the presentations. Gene Lieb noted that the next Watershed meeting would be focused on the farm land watershed project. Gene noted that the Watershed project is getting much more organized and interest is increasing.

#### 4) Unfinished Business:

##### ➤ Rain Barrel Sale

Mayor Brunkhorst reported that the May 14<sup>th</sup> Rain Barrel Sale was a success with over 500 rain barrels sold. The city purchased an additional 75 barrels that can be purchased at the Recycling Center. Also, the city was given some extra replacement parts to be used in case residents received barrels with missing parts. Because of the success of this project, the city may consider doing another sale next year.

##### ➤ Info on Waverly Comprehensive Land Use Plan

Hank Bagelmann gave an overview and highlighted the Iowa code that governs the land use plan. Hank emphasized that this is a living document that utilizes census data to make decisions. Hank stated that all zoning requests are referred back to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and that Smart Planning principles are utilized in creating the plan. Hank suggested looking at surveys that are un-scrubbed data and spoke of issues and opportunities. The goal is to have the proposed Land Use document submitted by late September to City Council. Hank also stated that there will be a joint meeting with P&Z, Hazard Mitigation/River Use and Leisure Services on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June. This meeting will be visionary and look at the “big” picture. Hank stated that the City Council expects the P&Z to be imaginative yet realistic. Triplitt spoke of a desire to concentrate on green spaces and Schloemer spoke of moving toward river use. Also present with Hank was Richard Dann. Richard spoke to being imaginative and thinking as to what can be done as opposed to what cannot be done.

## 5) New Business:

### ➤ SE Waverly Flood Protection Plan

AECOM representative Doug Schindel went through the final presentation of the 3 plans to mitigate flood protection in SE Waverly. A SE resident was present at the meeting and stated that most of the residents that purchased houses along the Cedar River would prefer not to have a wall and berms to separate them from the river. The commission discussed that the majority of residents they had talked to were not favorable of any of the options as presented by AECOM, but were very appreciative of the presentation. The commission agreed that the best protection is a personal action plan and to revert back to a more simplistic approach and to investigate the possibility of raising homes in the 500 year plan to prevent a 2008 year-type flood from getting onto the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the dwellings.

**Motion – Neuendorf, seconded – Schloemer      Passed 4-0**  
**Engel - absent**

To recommend to the City Council not to consider any of the 3 options of the SE Waverly Flood Protection Study as presented by AECOM, but to peruse cost sharing dollars for raising the main floor of residential homes that are in the 500 year flood plain to above the 500 flood plain.

### ➤ New Secretary Selection (term thru end of year)

Morgan Jacks accepted secretary position.

### ➤ Open Space Report

Tab Ray gave a presentation of various future possible uses of green space. Tab said a committee will be put together to formulate a 3-5 year plan concentrating on the big picture and Water Trails would certainly be a part of it.

### ➤ Morgan Jacks volunteered to be part of the River Use subcommittee.

## 6) Tabled Items: none

## 7) Project Status Report

- Mike Cherry gave report of dam progress. Gates on east side would start becoming operational starting this week and that the progress has been good.
- Mike Cherry also reported that the Dry Run Creek crossing gates were nearing completion.

## 8) Subcommittees & Members

- River Use – Jacks appointed during meeting to this subcommittee.
- Planning & Zoning – no report
- Soil & Water – Triplitt reported on a future June 16<sup>th</sup> tour of government officials looking at soil and land use practices.
- SE Flood Evaluation – Neuendorf and Schloemer – Covered in this meeting
- Community Action Plan – Triplitt, Engel and Parry – Engel reported that the CAP would be revisited at a later date, not yet scheduled, and that a table top exercise would be scheduled sometime in the fall.

## 9) Group Discussion: none

## 10) Adjournment

**Motion – Neuendorf, seconded – Schloemer      Passed 4-0**  
**Engel - absent**