

Minutes
Hazard Mitigation/ River Use Commission
Waverly Civic Center
7:00 pm, April 16, 2013

Attendance

Commissioners: Schloemer-Present Turnball –Present Jacks – Present Nielsen –Absent Engel –Present Schroeder –Absent Neuendorf –Present	Staff: C.E. Cherry –Present C.A. Jones –Absent Liaison: C.C. Lieb –Present Mayor Brunkhorst –Absent	Guests: Steve Main Steve Stokes Kim Fox Barb Burkle Earl Burkle Jeff Strickler Jeff Kraft
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Approve Agenda

Motioned - Turnball, seconded - Engel

Approve Minutes:

Motioned - Engel, seconded - Neuendorf

Questions/ Comments

- The guests stated they had concerns about what is going on below the dam and the water trail. Discussion was held and more would be addressed under the water trail.

Unfinished Business

- **Winter “Snow Fest” Discussions and Plans** – The events did not happen due to the weather. Planning from this year will be carried over to try again next year.

New Business

- **“No Wake Zone”** –After questions were raised about a “no wake zone” due to river conditions and bank erosion at previous meetings, discussion was held about how to move forward with this. The DNR would have to approve the restriction and the city could sign it. Enforcing the zone could be difficult. It is about 1500’ of river and signs would have to be placed and be visible from up and down river. The next step is to draft an ordinance and run it through the DNR. Some discussion is still being held about the permit to operate the inflatable dam and water levels. The language is being changed on the permit to reflect the capabilities of the inflatable dam. Before moving forward to enforce a “no wake zone,” Schloemer said he would visit with individuals along the river about the water levels, recreation, and bank erosion.

Tabled Items – None

Project Status Report

- **Water Trail and Signage** –Jacks updated the commission from the Water Trail Steering Committee meetings. There are a few clean-ups that are expected to happen this year but are not yet scheduled. There is going to be an informational booth at the Community Health Fair at The W on April 27th; the booth was originally planned to be at the Art Walk but was not approved. Other community events are in the process of being planned. There will be an analysis of the river, hopefully early this summer, to move along the designation process. It still

sounds like it will be a few years until the state designation process is complete. The next steering committee meeting has not been set but will be in mid-May.

- **Dry Run Creek Improvements** – The initial proposal has been sent to Iowa Homeland Security. This could allow for funding. The first meeting is April 30th. An application may need to be filled out but the initial information is in to put this project at the front of the line. Announcements will be made at the end of June. If purchases are made before the agreement, there may not be reimbursements. This could cover 50% of the \$7.1M project. The timeline for the Dry Run Creek improvements is three years. The first, acquisition and design. The second, demolition and construction. The third, finishing construction. Some local option sales tax and property tax money could also be used. Wartburg is looking at grant money to be used for wetland habitat restoration for their part of the Dry Run.
- **AmVets Riverbank Restoration Project** – Cherry said the project is getting started with clearing of the riverbank. There are 6000 cubic yards of material, mostly concrete rubble, that need to be removed. On the north side of the river, a bench will be made about 14' wide at the Brookwood Park level. The slope will be changed to make it more gradual going down to the river. They are looking to acquire an additional 600' to do more removal at the AmVets. Some clearing was done in 2009 near the trail bridge.

Subcommittees

- **River Use** – No additional information
- **Planning and Zoning** – No report
- **Soil and Water Conservation District** – No report
- **Community Action Plan** – Engel reported there is nothing new as of now but another tabletop session will be planned. Schloemer is also going to check on the date for updating the City hazard mitigation plan.

Group Discussion

- Schloemer stated Planning & Zoning/ Leisure Services would be discussing the band shell at an upcoming council meeting and wanted our input. Discussion was held and the group decided to share a general statement: River recreation does not depend on the park. Schloemer is going to share this and let them know we do not want to have input on the decision.
- Main talked about the Watershed Coalition. He stated they are regrouping and the 28E agreement covers from the MN border through northern Black Hawk County. There is some granting being done by the Iowa Flood Center. He will share more at the next meeting.

Adjournment: Motioned – Engel, seconded - Neuendorf