

FEAB MEETING MINUTES
June 10, 2017
3:00 p.m.
Delchamps Room, Fairhope, AL

Attendees: Mike Shelton, Ron Allen, Gary Gover, Terry Hargroder, Nicole Love

City of Fairhope: Kim Burmeister, Planning and Zoning Department

Honored Guests: Catherine Wall and Tanya Brashers (Eastern Shore Marine); Steve White; James Watkins (*Fairhope Times*)

Minutes taken by: Kim Burmeister

FEAB MEETINGS/ MINUTES:

May's minutes were unanimously approved; March minutes were not approved because only 3 FEAB members (which were present at the March meeting) are present today. Mike said there needs to be a quorum from those members in order to approve the minutes. March minutes draft will be presented again for approval at the July 14th FEAB meeting. Mike said Lisa Hanks has requested a copy of FEAB minutes draft when they are sent out for review. Kim will include Lisa on minutes draft.

Discussion of Items:

1. **Clean Marinas Program:** Catherine Wall, Tanya Brashers and Steve White are in attendance to see if there are any new discussions regarding the Eastern Shore Marine lease. Mike said it is his understanding the decision rests with the Mayor and Council (whether City will move forward with lease to a private owner or will manage marina as a City facility). This will likely be mentioned in the Work Session and Council Meeting Monday June 12. Catherine said she will attend. Mike said someone with FEAB should attend as well. Gary suggested the FEAB draft a "yah or nay" of support either way for Council/Mayor to consider (City vs. private management of marina). Mike and Ron stated they personally support private lease of the marina and do not support City management of the facility. However, Mike stated FEAB unconditionally supports marina being operating under Clean Marina standards (as a guideline and goal to achieve) as stated in previous resolution presented by FEAB. Also, Mike said the marina should be run in compliance with the City's MS4 program which regulates storm water in Fairhope. City of Fairhope Planning and Zoning Department oversee the MS4 program for the City. Ron said that as he understands it, Tut Wynne, City Attorney, is not drafting lease language for the marina until he knows for sure that the lease option will be renewed or rebid. Mike mentioned recent email from Bob

Riggs, Harbor Board chairman (six point plan for “Fairhope Docks” improvements), voicing his support of a City run marina vs. private run. Ron emphasized that this email was the opinion of Bob Riggs and not necessarily the Harbor Board as a whole. Steve White said that most of the issues with the marina are being addressed and are mostly BMP issues. He thinks the Clean Marina program would be easily attainable for leasee (i.e. Eastern Shore Marine). Mike said some aspects are easily attainable but others would require a long-term storm watershed management plan for the marina area, and would likely require management and operation changes. Catherine has been working on marina environmental compliance issues with EcoSolutions, including ADEM permitting. ADEM permitting process will address many of the BMP issues currently at the site. Catherine asked if any of the Restore Act (or other) grant opportunities the City is applying for would be used for marina area upgrades. Steve White mentioned storm water problems at end of Sea Cliff Drive. Mike said City will have to address this. Gary mentioned that the lease as it is currently written does not have clear language on responsibility of maintenance of the facility and this needs to be cleaned up. Nicole mentioned that there is a need for a written plan including phasing for the marina, whether it is City operated or privately operated. City needs a written plan of improvements and time line goals for achieving these improvements. Nicole will pull together past comments from FEAB minutes regarding marina lease discussions and Mike asked Kim to submit June FEAB minutes draft first thing Monday June 12th to include today’s discussions.

2. CITY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

- a. Nicole mentioned recent Facebook blast from City of Fairhope stating status of grant opportunities for a “working waterfront” and asked if this could be or would be tied into the Clean Marina program for Fairhope marinas. \$6.2 million grant. This grant has not yet been approved and appears to be in the second stage of approval.
- b. Storm Drain Medallions – City of Fairhope has acquired a grant for storm drain medallions to be placed on storm drain lids in Fairhope. This will also include a educational component. Kim said City is still considering design / logo / exact wording to go on the medallions but they will like feature some type of “Drains to Bay: Dump No Waste” or similar wording.
- c. Catherine Wall shared with the group “Project 332” from AGCRC, attached, regarding the City’s recent grant submittal for “Working Waterfronts and Greenways”.

3. STORM WATER STUDIES AND MANAGEMENT

- a. Jeanine had previously mentioned a City of Fairhope storm water study from about 10 years ago and had asked everyone to try and locate this, on line or elsewhere. Kim showed FEAB a copy of a 2007 Storm Water Report prepared for the City of Fairhope by Neel-Schaffer. This could be the one Jeanine was referring to. This is not on line but copies could be obtained by filling out a Request for Public Records form with the City Clerk.
- b. Gary said he has heard about new legislation exempting private lot owners from storm water requirements. Mike is not aware of this but recommends FEAB meet with Planning Department and Planning Commission officials to see how this will affect City of Fairhope's long-term storm water plan in regards to development and redevelopment.
- c. Mike showed the group a recent subdivision split and proposed build out in the Simon Street / Central Avenue area. He said this area already has storm water issues, and now these small lots are being split up with homes proposed with very close lot lines.
- d. Community Resilience Index: Mike offered some information on this program which assesses a municipalities ability to handle storm water:

http://masgc.org/assets/uploads/publications/662/coastal_community_resilience_index.pdf

- e. Nicole mentioned last Council Meeting where the proposed PUD across from Rock Creek was being discussed. She does not think the Council has a good understanding of what a conservation easement is (or what it should be), and suggested the FEAB offer assistance in providing information (what it is, how it works best, etc.).

Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

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