

**FEAB MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 8, 2017**  
**3:30 p.m.**  
**Delchamps Room, Fairhope, AL**

**Member Attendees:** Mike Shelton, Ron Allen, Gary Gover, Tony Pritchett, Nicole Love, Jeanine Normand, Rick Frederick

**City of Fairhope:** Kim Burmeister, Planning and Zoning Department; Sherry-Lea Bloodworth-Botop, Community Development Director

**Honored Guests:** T. J. Murphy

**Minutes taken by:** Kim Burmeister

**FEAB MEETINGS/ MINUTES:**

September's minutes were approved with minor wording changes noted: Gover's name was misspelled, changed "owns" to "manages" under New Business #2. Added the word "specific" to 2<sup>nd</sup> page: "Jeanine asked is there something *specific*." Noted that Nicole took the minutes. Mike reminded everyone that meeting minutes are posted on line. Mr. Murphy asked if meetings with no quorums (such as October 2017) could be stated as such. Mike thought this was a good idea. Kim will ask Lisa Hanks to include "no quorum" for meetings without minutes.

**Discussion of Items:**

1. **Community Resilience planning and community ratings:** Mike discussed ongoing efforts locally to evaluate Fairhope's community index rating and resiliency. All of this ties into flood ratings and can lower insurance premiums.
2. **Community Development Programs:** Sherry-Lea, Community Development Director for the City, presented some of the programs and grants she has been working on:
  - a. **Marina Upgrades:** The City's Sea Cliff Drive marina ("Fairhope Docks") is under City management now (no longer being leased out) the City has more flexibility on the operations of the marina. City staff has been working with a technical advisory team as part of a MS-AL Sea grant. The grant, which has been awarded to the City, pays for a team of experts who will assist the City in implementing clean and resilient marina strategies for the Fairhope Docks. Waterfront development of the marina will entail environmental and community / economic planning. Green infrastructure will likely be a part of the plan. The initial meeting

has already taken place in Biloxi. Biloxi has a similar program which is very successful and impressive. The next meeting is set for November 21<sup>st</sup> at 10 a.m. at the marina, and Sherry-Lea would like to have a member of the FEAB attend. Tony said he would be able to attend, and Mike, Nicole and Gary all volunteered to attend if Tony could not. Nicole said she has worked with a lot of the people involved in the NOAA grant program. Sherry-Lea mentioned that Tony has been instrumental in initiating clean marina practices at the marina and she encouraged leads on what the needs are (for the marina and elsewhere). She said there should be a rough plan for the marina in place sometime in December and FEAB will be kept informed of the progress and initiatives. Mr. Murphy asked if the FEAB would be allowed to evaluate the upgrades and program before it was implemented. Sherry-Lea said that they would have opportunity for input through Work Sessions and other community meetings. Sherry-Lea mentioned new full time marina operator who was recently hired (Drew Craze). Gary asked if channel dredging would be part of the package. Sherry-Lea said dredging is not part of this initial program. Tony said some boat slips have already been dredged. Sherry-Lea said NOAA will be fully documenting the Sea Cliff Drive marina upgrade project so this will mean a lot of publicity for the marina. This will help with economic development of the marina. If the marina business thrives, dredging might be considered in the future. Gary asked if other City boat facilities would be affected by this grant. Sherry-Lea said this grant was specific to the Fairhope Docks marina. Jimmy said the City is fully committed to operate City-owned marinas by Clean Marina standards.

- b. **Storm Drain Medallions:** Sherry-Lea has secured a GOMA (Gulf of Mexico Alliance) grant for the purchase of 5,000 storm drain medallions (polymer material, epoxy application) and this will also include an educational component with the schools. She has already spoken with BCBOE officials about incorporation of the education component into Fairhope area schools. She would like to use this program at Mardi Gras and also at Earth Day 2018. She said the exact design of the medallion is still being considered and she has local artist Nancy Raia working on a concept for the medallion (pelican for instance). Gary said school contests should be considered but the schools would need specific direction on design theme. Also the exact wording on the drain is still being considered. The slogan "Only Rain in the Drain" is currently being considered. Most medallions in other communities say "No Dumping, Drains to Bay" or something similar. Kim mentioned the Subdivision Contact List the City has with HOA/POA contacts for including local subdivisions on storm drain medallion application programs if we need the community to assist in applying the medallions on the drains. Sherry-Lea mentioned there will likely be several community groups involved in application (with City representative) such as Boy Scouts, school groups, etc. Rick and Mike

mentioned the Clean Water Future resources available on line which may be of some assistance with storm drain education.

- c. **Waterfront / Land Use / New Comp Plan Grant** – Tony asked about a waterfront land use grant. Sherry-Lea said this one may eventually provide a new / improved Comprehensive Plan for the City of Fairhope but it has not been awarded yet. Volkert Engineering is reviewing all submissions.
  - d. **Catch Basin Grants** – for sewer overflows: Tony asked about the status of this grant. Sherry-Lea said Phase 2 did not get enough votes to move forward.
  - e. **Tatumville Gully Grant** – Sherry-Lea said this project is underway and will include storm water modeling and re-engineering of prior storm water projects which are failing or are in need of maintenance. This grant coincides with the South Fairhope Community Action meetings which are underway.
  - f. Mike asked Sherry-Lea to come back to give a recap on these projects after the first of the year.
3. **Mobile Bay Keeper Bacteriological Testing** – City has hired Mobile Bay Keepers to conduct periodic testing on Fly Creek. Gary asked about this program. Mike asked if the results and the work plan are posted anywhere for the public to see. Sherry-Lea said she was not aware of all the details of this program but encouraged the group to contact Lisa Hanks for more information. Kim said she would check with Lisa Hanks to see if this information is on-line and if it's not if it can be placed on-line for the public to see. Ron had this information on the program: the City has paid \$6,500 for 144 tests for 3 months at 12 different locations on Fly Creek.
- \*\*Mike made a motion: FEAB requests that the City provide copies of all documents, proposals and results related to the Bay Keeper Fly Creek sampling program efforts. Tony seconded the motion.\*\***
- Mike said you have to sample a baseline during a normal rain event or non-rain event (without a sewage overflow) to get an accurate understanding of test results. Jeanine mentioned that a big concern from the recent major sewer overflow (August 2017) was the notification procedures. Jeanine wondered if anything new has been developed regarding notification procedures. Kim mentioned the Sewer Capacity Study recently done:  
<http://www.cofairhope.com/home/showdocument?id=15025>
- Ron mentioned that the City should utilize the FEAB for advice on programs such as these.
5. **Infrastructure:** Mr. Murphy asked if the FEAB had any concerns over infrastructure needs not being urgently addressed. City has noted many infrastructure needs.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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