

**FEAB MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 2, 2018**  
**3:00 p.m.**  
**Conference Room, Public Works Building, Fairhope, AL**

**Member Attendees:** Mike Shelton, Gary Gover, Ben Frater, Jeanine Normand, Ron Allen, Tony Pritchett

**City Council:** Jimmy Conyers

**City of Fairhope:** Kim Burmeister, Planning and Zoning Department

**Honored Guests:** Jim Horner, B. J. Smith, AL Coastal Heritage Trust

**Minutes taken by:** Kim Burmeister

**FEAB MINUTES:**

January's minutes have been approved as presented.

**Discussion of Items:**

**1. FEAB MEMBERS:**

Mike announced new member, Ben Frater, officially on board as 9<sup>th</sup> member of FEAB. There is one more vacancy for membership. Jim Horner has submitted an application for membership and this will be presented to council for approval. If accepted Jim will be member number 10 and that will be a full roster.

*\*Motion made: Ron made a motion to accept Jim's membership nomination; Jeanine seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.*

Mike asked for nominations for new chairman. Two names were suggested, and these will be discussed at the March 9<sup>th</sup> FEAB meeting:

1. Nicole
2. Gary

**2. *It's in the Bag Litter Program:***

B. J. Smith, AL Coastal Heritage Trust, spoke about this new program which encourages people to pick up road side litter on a regular day to day basis. Any group wishing to join this effort receives reusable bags to carry with them. There are different sponsorship levels. Money goes to the Alabama Coastal Heritage Trust. Mobile County Commission has sponsored a team. City of Fairhope is encouraged to sponsor a team. Teams are being formed now but this program is not in operation yet. There is a website for more information; you can sign up on the website as well: [www.shorecombers.org](http://www.shorecombers.org)

Comments:

Mike: this program is a perfect fit for the upcoming Storm Drain Medallion program and would be appropriate for church groups, civic groups, etc.

Kim: this might also be a good fit for subdivision POA groups, if City sponsored a team level. Or subdivision groups might sponsor their own team at a lower sponsorship level.

Jim: Mobile Bay Keeper litter ads might be available to help with this litter education program.

Ron: this program supplements the City's annual organized litter pick up event (Coastal Clean Up).

Tony: does not like the proposed color of the bag (bright blue), not appropriate for men. Suggests one more color choice for men, such as black. *Lagniappe* and *Gulf Coast News* should be encouraged to cover this program.

Gary: Suggested B. J. contact the Ocean Conservancy for litter information and statistics. The Ocean Conservancy does an annual report on waste.

*\*Motion introduced and accepted: Jeanine made a motion to request Conyers put B. J. on the 2/26/2018 council agenda to introduce the program and formally request City to consider becoming a sponsor of the "It's in the Bag Program". Ron seconded the motion. Unanimous approval for this motion.\**

**3. *Mobile Bay Keeper Bacteria sampling of Fly Creek:***

Mike said he did not have an update yet but has requested update from Richard Peterson. Jimmy said he has the updated sampling information and will forward to Mike via email. Mike shared an article on "Finding Sources of Fecal Coliform Bacteria in Stormwater Runoff: The Importance of Nonfecal Origins", *Florida Water Resources Journal*, July 2017.

**4. Storm Drain Medallion Program:**

Mike asked everyone to consider the storm drain medallion brochure which was discussed and presented (draft) at the January meeting. Changes have been made to the brochure; language updates throughout and the parcel lines have been removed from the watershed map.

Comments:

Jeanine: remove the parenthesis throughout. Keep the message short and simple, to the point. Tell people exactly what they need do, be more specific.

Mike: still unsure if the watershed map should be included or not.

Ron: said the map is important.

Jim: the watershed areas can be better defined with a number (referring to which watershed it is). Currently the watershed names are very small and hard to read. Jim mentioned the Mardi Gras beads which enter our storm drains, and wonders if this should be addressed as part of the program. Mobile has a bead catch program to address this.

Jimmy: this program should be presented to schools.

Kim: reminded everyone to offer very specific comments on change, so she can incorporate specific changes. The watershed map can be removed if the group feels the information is not applicable. For now, she will make sure the watershed titles are either enlarged or add number as Jim suggested and she will remove parenthesis and reword if needed. Two or three "Good behavior" pictures will be added as suggested by Mike. If you have any to share, send to Kim. Suggestions for pictures: Residents dropping off motor oil or paints, chemicals; Restaurant employee recycling cook oil or washing off mop/rug in designated drain; resident reading label of fertilizer/pesticide before application; etc.

Rick: the Create a Clean Water Future website should be added under the logo.

Mike: asked Kim for storm drain medallion program updates (installation event) and deadline for brochure comments. Kim said deadlines are March 9<sup>th</sup>:

*Deadlines:*

*Final brochure draft comments are due by 3/9*

*Final storm drain medallion name suggestion comments due by 3/9*

*Team Leader Commitments: due by 3/9. Sherry-Lea asked for (4) FEAB team leader commitments for medallion installation. So far no one from FEAB has confirmed they will attend as "team leader". Installation event will be on Friday 4/20 and will last no more than 2 hours. Exact time to be announced (morning?)*

**5. Other Business:**

a. Tony: asked Jimmy if FEAB topics could be presented monthly at Council work sessions. Jimmy said they are occasionally discussed. Jimmy asked that Mike (or chairperson) send him discussion points monthly so that he can present the most relevant information. Should the previously approved FEAB minutes be used as reference to the discussion points?

b. Gary: the City owned property at Fly Creek at The Woodlands subdivision, lift station area, is being used as a construction staging area (multi-path project area/joint City and AL-DOT project). BMPs are not installed, and there are sediment piles left uncovered/unstabilized near the creek. There appears to be creek impacts from trenching activities as well. He asked that City be reminded to set a better example on land disturbance and construction projects. Kim said she will look at this site and will contact the appropriate person. She encouraged FEAB to immediately report areas of concern.

**Motions (Recap):**

Motions made and passed during this meeting:

1. B. J. Smith / AL Coastal Heritage Trust: To introduce "It's in the Bag" litter prevention program to Council and ask City to consider sponsorship.
2. Jim Horner's FEAB membership nomination was accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for **March 9<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m.** (Delchamps Room)

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