

**FEAB MEETING MINUTES**

**March 9, 2018**

**3:00 p.m.**

**Conference Room, Public Works Building, Fairhope, AL**

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

**City Council:** None

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

**Honored Guests:** Jim Horner; James Watkins

**Minutes taken by:** Kim Burmeister

**FEAB MINUTES:**

February's minutes have been approved as presented.

**Discussion of Items:**

**1. FEAB MEMBERS:**

Jim Horner has been nominated by FEAB to become a member but hasn't been appointed by Council yet. Mike will check with Lisa Hanks on the status of this request.

Mike asked for nominations for new chair person. Nicole and Gary were nominated. Nicole deferred to Gary for nomination. Ron introduced the motion and Mike seconded the motion. Passed unanimously

\*Motion: Gary Gover – nominated by FEAB as new chairperson

## **2. STORM DRAIN MEDALLION PROGRAM:**

Mike and Jeanine gave Kim marked through draft copies of proposed changes to the brochure. Kim will enter these and get to Sherry-Lea no later than 3/19/2018. Nicole and Jeanine both thought the brochures should go out with the utility bills or be sent out via mail (hard copy). Link could be added to utility bill if City did not want to print so many copies but hard copy is preferred. Sherry-Lea thought it would not be a problem to print several thousand as will be needed to go out with utility bills. The brochures will also be handed out at Earth Day and be available on the City website as an educational tool. Jim Horner suggested the City get price quotes on printing.

Sherry-Lea discussed the storm drain medallion installation program. This will tentatively be on Friday April 20<sup>th</sup> (most likely morning). Time to be confirmed later when she confirms with media. This will be a PR event to kick off the storm drain medallion program, as actual installation will be done by Public Works. Sherry-Lea will invite someone from State Lands to attend the event since they provided funding. Target area to start with will be fruit and nut section, maybe the North Bayview area. High pedestrian area is recommended. CBD (downtown) area will be reserved at this time for future art work which may be developed specifically for downtown.

Sherry-Lea is working with BJ with "It's in the bag" program on having bags printed. This will compliment the City's existing litter program.

## **3. RESTORE ACT FUNDS**

Jim Horner mentioned an article from AL.Com regarding Restore Act funds being designated for City of Fairhope. This is huge for Fairhope.

Sherry-Lea said 18M has been granted to Fairhope and should be received by end of the year (2018). 45 day comment period is underway. Projects include:

1. Comprehensive Land Use Plan
2. Sewer Overflow Program for Eastern Shore
3. Infrastructure Upgrades (including sewer upgrades based on 2017 Sewer Study)
4. Working Waterfronts / Bluff Stabilization / Bulkhead Repair / Shoreline mitigation

Jim Horner asked about the status of a stormwater infrastructure inventory. Sherry-Lea said that an inventory will be included in the funding.

Jim Horner said there is a need for stream gauging mechanisms (he noticed some communities are receiving funding for this). Restoration of Fly Creek is greatly needed. Rick said NEP will be handling the Fly Creek watershed plan which will address restoration. Sherry-Lea said the City will be creating committees/groups

to help pull all of the Restore Act projects together, and FEAB will be involved as advisors.

**4. MOBILE BAY KEEPER BACTERIA SAMPLING OF FLY CREEK:**

Mike has received the up to date results of bacteriological monitoring. The Highway 181 tributary continues to give off high fecal coliform readings and tests high for optical brighteners as well. This is a concern and source is not known.

**4. OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Map Viewer On Line:** Kim said the City has released the Map Viewer on the main City website. This is an interactive map tool with zoning information and property ownership. Other layers will be added.

**Town Hall Meeting:** Mike mentioned the upcoming townhall meeting on Wed. March 14<sup>th</sup> @ 3 p.m. at the Library. Discussion items will be on stormwater revisions / LID amendments. Jim Horner said the City needs to discuss and consider how post-construction calculations are done.

**Tree protection in Fairhope:** Rick asked if trees are protected on residential property in Fairhope. Kim said Public Works oversees tree protection but she thinks residential trees are only protected if tree is located on the right of way or on non-residential property. She is not sure if heritage trees are protected if not on the right of way or on non-residential property. Rick said a large oak was recently cut down at Fig & Satsuma. Kim will report to Public Works.

**Upcoming construction projects:** Kim said the Fairhope Retreat apartment project at Fly Creek will be starting soon. Per Sherry-Lea's request, she asked the group on best suggested methods for community notification of large scale project start up. Facebook / Social Media blasts were suggested as a good means for outreach. This is usually what the City uses.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for **April 13th, 3:00 p.m.** (Delchamps Room)

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