

FEAB MEETING MINUTES

10/9/2020

3:00 p.m.

Fairhope Civic Center Delchamps Room, Fairhope, AL

Member Attendees: Gary Gover, Ben Frater, Jim Horner, Tony Pritchett, Amy Paulson

City of Fairhope: none

Honored Guests: none

Minutes taken by: Ben Frater

FEAB MINUTES:

Discussion related to the previous minutes was pushed off until the next meeting

DISCUSSION OF ITEMS:

FEAB Membership / By Laws Resolution:

Gary updated the Board on the status of the FEAB by laws amendment that would re-define membership status. The draft resolution was previously approved by FEAB and provided to the City Council for its approval. The vote is expected to be on the agenda for the October 12 Council meeting.

Additionally, the FEAB recognized that it now has three vacancies. Tony noted that the meeting notes continue to list former members. FEAB agreed this list should be updated. This update is reflected in the current notes.

Dyas "Triangle" Property:

A brief discussion about the property resulted in general agreement that this topic will continue to be a high priority for the FEAB in the coming months.

Fly Creek Watershed Management Plan, update

Amy said the planning effort is well underway and progressing. Engagement throughout the process will help FEAB members provide informed and valuable recommendations to the Council and to the WMP process. Amy will continue to update the FEAB as the plan progresses.

Wetlands Ordinance

FEAB members pointed out some examples of continuing filling of wetlands around Fairhope (including S. Mobile St near Gambinos and Highway 13 at Manly Rd). Members also noted that Erik Cortinas has been asked previously to join a FEAB meeting to discuss the wetlands ordinance. Gary will ask Kim to invite Mr. Cortinas again to join

a future FEAB meeting so that FEAB can learn about the current process, its limitations, and identify ways to assist the City as it implements its ordinance. Amy also recommended that this topic is within the scope of and can be included as a focal point in the Watershed Management Plan upon the recommendation of the FEAB.

Comprehensive Land Use Plan

Gary announced the City has selected a contractor, and noted the significant financial investment in this Plan. The RESTORE Act grant provides the City an unprecedented planning opportunity. Members discussed possible ways to ensure the investment is maximized through the application of its findings and recommendations. No specific recommendations were determined, but it was agreed that the topic will continue to be discussed in future Board meetings.

Climate Action Plan

Amy said there are federal grants available to help fund a Climate Action Plan, and provided several examples of the type of content it would contain.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Next meeting is Friday, November 13th @ 3:00 p.m.: Fairhope Delchamps Room
(*subject to change*)

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