

FEAB MEETING MINUTES

August 13, 2021

3:00 p.m.

Fairhope Public Library Board Room, Fairhope, AL

Member Attendees: Gary Gover, Jim Horner, Jennifer Foutch, Amy Paulson, Ben Frater, Nigel Temple

Members not in attendance:

Jeanine Normand (warranted absence); Mike Shelton (warranted absence); Michelle Melton (warranted absence)

City of Fairhope: Kim Burmeister -Planning and Zoning Department.

City Council: None

Honored Guests: Rick Speight, 123 Kurlane

Minutes taken by: Kim Burmeister

Gary called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Summary of meeting:

**Honored guest, resident Rick Speight, might be interested in FEAB membership if or when there is a vacancy.*

**FEAB would like to have another conversation with Mayor and/or Corey Martin on Triangle property, as a follow up to council meeting discussions.*

**FEAB will contact Erik Cortinas to see if wetland charette is still upcoming*

**FEAB would like to be involved in comp plan / land use plan changes and would like to have a representative on steering committee*

**FEAB has interest in other committee projects: Recycling, Bike – Ped*

**Stormwater Infrastructure meeting with FEAB representatives, Public Works, Planning and Zoning and City of Mobile was informative and may lead to opportunities for Fairhope to have a similar inventory done.*

FEAB Minutes:

Gary made a motion to approve the FEAB July Minutes from 7/9, as written and with two attachments: “Quick Claim Deed” and “Controlling Statues” of Triangle Property. Unanimously approved.

Introduction:

Honored guest, Rick Speight, introduced himself as an interested resident with a biology and engineering background. He may be interested in becoming a member if there is a vacancy in the future. He asked how the advisory committee operated and Gary gave him

a brief overview. Amy shared FEAB bios and agenda goals with Rick (same one presented to Mayor in Special Meeting to introduce FEAB).

Dyas Triangle Park Deed Draft

Ben: He and Michelle attended July Council Meeting and Work Session. Recommended deed prohibitions were mentioned. Mayor spoke as well. Conversations will continue per Ben. FEAB needs Corey's help to move forward. It is his understanding Mayor will be meeting with FEAB prior to formalizing deed language. Michelle will have a more complete account of work session discussions on the triangle.

Jennifer: Deed has not been transferred to Single Tax yet. She is not sure Council understood the rationalization of the listed prohibitions.

Jim: Natural Inventory Survey still needs to be done and is of high importance before moving forward.

Gary: Has concerns over bike trail use as becoming the dominant use for the triangle property, especially "mountain" bike use and the possible inclusion of electrical bikes which can travel at greater speeds.

Nigel: Michelle needs to continue to be point person for conversations between Mayor and FEAB on triangle deed discussions.

Jennifer suggested Michelle / Ben draft an agenda prior to next meeting with Mayor, with specific questions to ask Mayor.

Jim: Contractor has already been selected; name unknown.

Gary: Hopes plans will be community driven.

Wetland Charette:

Nigel suggested someone follow up with Erik to see status of wetland discussions, ordinance review, etc.

Kim: SB 107 has changed the City's wetland authority from Permitting Jurisdiction to City Limits only.

Jim: City limits have a very small percentage of wetlands. Key is to follow up with County to see how county will be enforcing more stringent wetland regulations.

Kim: Is on Baldwin County Environmental Advisory Committee (as a resident, not through the City) and she is part of a EAC sub-committee reviewing Baldwin County Sub Regs for suggested environmental language changes, including wetland, red soils/clay and BMP references within the Baldwin County Sub Regs. Pending Ashley Campbell's

permission, she will share Baldwin County Sub Regs with draft comments from Baldwin EAC subcommittee with Nigel.

Comp Plan / Land Use Plan:

Amy: FEAB point contact person for this. Hunter (Planning and Zoning) and Lee Turner (Planning Commission) will be key contacts for discussions on this.

Gary: Fairhope North (Corte development) near Publix was intended to be a village center but it is not being developed under the village concept. There is no connectivity for pedestrian use.

Amy: This should be addressed in the upcoming public or steering committee meetings with staff (planning and zoning department) regarding comp plan / land use plan changes. She is hoping FEAB member will have representation on the Steering Committee which could then form stakeholder groups, etc. similar to the watershed management plans.

Other Committees:

Bike Ped: Gary has been attending these.

Gary: BRATS hub behind Fairhope Avenue at the Parking Garage is being enhanced to encourage pedestrian activity downtown and to help with parking. This is of interest to the Bike – Ped committee.

Recycling Committee: Gary is a member, but it has not met in years. Currently he is the only member. Committee appears to be defunct.

Jennifer said City is not recycling materials at this time, no market.

Nigel will check on recycling status (Kim gave him names of staff: Dale Linder, Richard Johnson).

Stormwater Inventory Meeting with City of Mobile

Jim referenced the notes (below) taken for the Zoom meeting held on July 22, 2021 in Richard Johnson's office at the City of Fairhope Public Works Dept.

He said Jessica Walker and Richard are in discussion about funding for a City of Fairhope inventory of our stormwater infrastructure. According to RJ, City will need to procure about \$500K to get this done. This may be discussed at the September City Council Meeting.

Notes by Jim Horner unless otherwise noted:

Thursday, July 22, 2021: 10 a.m. via Zoom meeting

In attendance:

City of Fairhope

Richard Johnson

Christina LeJeune (in Richard's office)

Kim Burmeister via Zoom

FEAB representatives

Gary Gover (in Richard's office)

Jim Horner (in Richard's office)

City of Mobile

Jennifer Greene, Director of Programs and Project Management, via Zoom

(251) 208-7199

Lance Slater, Project Manager, via Zoom

(251) 208-1037

Meeting Purpose:

Review City of Mobile's grant inventory of their stormwater infrastructure: Funding was from Restore Act Bucket 3 money. Cost: \$2,715,000 for the 18-month project

Companies Selected:

GRW Engineering; McCory Engineering; Environmental Engineering

Kim added: GRW Contact: Rob Hench, GISP

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Scope of work:

Inventory and describe each of the 36,000 stormwater infrastructure features throughout the City of Mobile.

Discussion:

Fairhope already has and maintains an inventory of its stormwater outfalls. However, there is far less understanding of the infrastructure conveyance systems that get the stormwater from its source to the outfalls. That is the importance of the inventory.

Richard Johnson has completed a stormwater infrastructure survey in Daphne so he was very aware of its benefits. Some of these include: Repair and maintenance; stormwater volume and capacity calculations; bottleneck determinations; stormwater modeling to create and infrastructure plan.

As Lance stated, they will be able to determine where the stormwater is coming from, where it is going and how it got there.

Their inventory will be completed on public lands only, not on private land.

Kim added: City's outfall inventory (650 outfalls) includes private subdivision ponds / associated structures, which are privately maintained. City planning and

zoning staff has used the Collector App and the Survey 123 app for similar field assessment work (tree inventories and outfall assessments).

Accurate elevation calculations are part of the deliverables. Using dye to trace stormwater is not part of the work. Quality control of the data generated will be done with weekly reviews and data acceptance.

Future Action:

1. Work with Jessica Walker to determine availability and timing of obtaining about \$500K for the same stormwater infrastructure project in Fairhope. Since Mobiles \$2,715,000 has already been accepted by Restore Act, Bucket 3 folks for this purpose, the groundwork should be already laid for this same project in Fairhope.
2. Gain approval from Mayor and Council

Meeting adjourned: 4:00 p.m.

Next meeting is Friday, September 10th, 2021 @ 3 p.m. Library Board Room

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