

FEAB MEETING MINUTES

November 12, 2021

3 p.m. @ Library Board Room

Member Attendees: Gary Gover, Jim Horner, Jennifer Foutch, Amy Paulson, Ben Frater, Rick Speight

Members not in attendance:

Michelle Melton, Nigel Temple (excused absences unless Gary says otherwise)

City of Fairhope: Kim Burmeister -Planning and Zoning Department

City Council: Corey Martin

Honored Guests: Annette Sanders, 401 North Mobile Street; Donna Marks, resident

Minutes taken by Kim Burmeister

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

Summary of meeting:

1. *FEAB would like City of Fairhope to invest in the recycling program, including equipment upgrades and consider the possibility of metering garbage.*
2. *FEAB supports Osprey Initiative project but would like to consider other locations.*
3. *FEAB has development concerns over the large subdivisions being approved for development (Harvest Green).*
4. *FEAB would like subdivision regulations strengthened*
5. *Resident Annette Sanders has concerns over:*
 - a. *Development projects (Volanta & 98)*
 - b. *Bluff project at 459 North Mobile Street, and*
 - c. *preservation of the City wooded corridor along North Mobile Street.*
6. *Corey would like City to pursue Clean Marina Standards*

FEAB Minutes/Updates to Board:

Amy made a motion to approve FEAB October minutes, approved unanimously.

Rick is officially a FEAB member now, as of October 2021.

Agenda:

Amy presented an agenda for today's meeting:

AGENDA

THE CITY OF FAIRHOPE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD MONTHLY MEETING

NOVEMBER 12, 2021

1. Acceptance of prior meeting minutes
2. Updates and Old Business
 - a. Motions from last month: Gary
 - i. Rick Speight – approved?
 - ii. FEAB Stormwater Infrastructure Inventory Resolution – (?Jim Horner)
 - iii. FEAB Community Self-Assessment Resolution – (?Mike Shelton)
 - b. Recycling: Jennifer
 - i. Update from October 25 Council meeting on expiration/renewal of contract with ECUA?
 - c. Stormwater: Jim
 - i. Kim: Mayor requests review of Litter Gitter at Winn Dixie/ABC stormwater retention pond
 - d. Comprehensive Land Use Plan – Ben / Mike
 - i. Jim: Zoning, Ordinance, and Subdivision Regulations: Harvest Green subdivision case study:
 - ii. FEAB collective comment letter or Resolution?
 - e. Fairhope City Council: Jennifer
 - f. Baldwin County Environmental Advisory Committee and EAC sub-committee (wetlands and neighborhoods): Kim
 - g. Eastern Shore Watershed Management Plan: Kim
 - h. Bike and Pedestrian Committee: Gary
3. Postponed until next month (POC is not present at today's meeting)
 - a. Dyas Triangle: Ben / Michelle
 - i. Natural Resources Inventory – Ben advocate?
 - b. Community Resiliency Index: Mike
 - i. Next steps to engage rescoring / receipt of FEAB Resolution
 - c. Parking Committee: Nigel
4. New Business

Stormwater Infrastructure Inventory

Jim: Thinks this item is up for Council funding approval in January 2022.

Community Self-Assessment for Resiliency

Amy: Thinks this item is on hold until after first of the year. Mike will need to give an update on this at a later meeting.

Comprehensive Plan Meetings

Corey: Community meetings continue through November.

Recycling:

Corey: City Council recently approved contract with ECUA to receive materials, though Public Works can still use other vendors if better source is found. Contract with ECUA is good through 2023. If City considered self-sorting (which might provide better sources for materials) then there would have to be a staff increase.

Jim: There is still a possibility for county to build a recycling facility in future, and city could participate. He suggests more outreach on the city recycling program.

Corey recently received a notice about recycling, when notified about his recycling day change, but other residents at the meeting said they did not. City needs to improve communication outreach, including with schools. It is important to have our children involved as they are the best communicators for reaching the parents.

Amy: hopes City will invest in upgraded recycling equipment in the future, such as garbage trucks that can weigh garbage. This would be a way to meter garbage and therefore could encourage an increased recycling participation rate. 30% is about a national average for recycling rate, unless recycling is mandated. Recycling can be mandated by metering garbage.

Litter Getter/ Osprey Initiative:

Mayor would like FEABs thoughts on litter getter type devices. Kim presented a proposal by Don Bates with Osprey Initiative as one example of how a device could be used in Fairhope. The proposal mentioned the Winn Dixie, aka ABC pond as a proposed location. Cowpen Creek watershed. The site is a regional detention area for Hwy. 98 from Fairhope Avenue to Morphy, including three shopping center areas (Baldwin Square, Eastern Shore Shopping Center and Ecor Rouge Shopping Center).



Proposal #P21-026

City of Fairhope
 161 North Section St.
 Fairhope, AL 36532

Attn: Kim Burmeister
Subject: Maintenance of the Winn-Dixie Pond

Scope of Work

- Osprey Initiative (Osprey) will perform two tactical cleanups a month (for a total of 24 events) at the Winn-Dixie Pond off Morphy Ave. in Fairhope, AL.
- Osprey will manufacture and install up to 300 feet of Litter Boom at strategic locations within the pond to assist with litter collection.
- Osprey will maintain these booms in accordance with Osprey’s Litter Collection Device Cleanout SOP v1.2.
- Any litter or debris collected will be weighed and the Osprey modified ETAP methodology will be utilized to produce a litter profile over the extent of the project.
- This data will be tracked on ETAP field data sheets and recorded in a Microsoft Excel Spreadsheet. The data will be provided to the City of Fairhope on a monthly basis.
- All materials collected will be disposed of according to local regulations and applicable materials will be recycled.
- Additionally, under the scope of services, Osprey will meet with the City of Fairhope at a frequency to be determined to discuss data, field observations and how to utilize this information for education and outreach efforts.

Cost Estimate

	Quantity	Units	Cost	Sub-total
<u>Tactical Cleanups</u> Includes labor, materials, mileage	12	months	\$1,250.00	\$15,000.00
<u>Litter Booms</u> Includes installation, materials, and maintenance	300	feet	\$40	\$12,000.00
			Total	\$27,000.00

Donald W. Bates Jr.
 Osprey Initiative, LLC
 10/26/21
 Date

Figure 1 Osprey Initial proposal

Amy: There may be more optimal locations to collect more trash for the cost, such as HWY 13/Colony Park or Bishop Road bridges. There is general support for the ABC lot as it is well-trafficked and could provide educational/outreach service as well as have critical plastic bag and other parking lot debris collection value.

Kim asked FEAB to email any other location suggestions-be specific. City owned property is preferred. Litter collection and litter education is one required component of the City

MS4 program, so Osprey Initiative could help achieve/maintain compliance. High school art class could assist with creating attractive signage to have the selected site serve as an educational outreach area. They previously helped with storm drain medallion artwork.

Gary asked if City would own the booms. Kim said Osprey Initiative retains ownership of the litter getter devices and booms. Gary asked Kim to gather information on how the litter getter / trash collection items could be of economic benefit as well as an environmental benefit to the City (specifics on wildlife impacts, etc.).

Ben: there is a lot of relative information on the Osprey Initiative website, many questions are answered here:

<https://osprey.world>

Development Concerns:

Harvest Green subdivision: Jim mentioned an upcoming subdivision project, Harvest Green, to be annexed into the City Limits, Fly Creek Watershed. It will be north of Hwy. 104 on State Highway 181, next to and across from The Waters. 375 homes are proposed, which means about 700 additional vehicles entering and exiting from this area daily. The subdivision has been approved since it met standards including storm water standards in the Sub Regs. He said City Sub Regs storm water standards need to be tightened up and strengthened.

Corey agrees with Jim and would like more dialogue on "Open Space" plans. Our new comprehensive plan will need to match our conservation goals. But people / residents must be on board, not just the city council.

Rick: has FEAB made past recommendations for zoning changes?

Jennifer: Leaders previously tried overlays such as Greeno Road Overlay, which was not well received by the community. Overlay districts are one way to strengthen our regulations. Highway 181 corridor for instance needs overlay protection consideration.

Memory Care Facility at Volanta and Hwy. 98:

Annette Sanders voiced her concerns over development -- specifically Volanta Avenue @ 98 (memory care center). The Memory Care Center is an approved project, but she did not know about it until land was cleared

459 North Mobile Street bluff project:

Annette Sanders voiced concerns over the ongoing North Mobile Street project, which was begun without an approved permit, and was previously under a Stop Work Order from the City. Contractor has now resumed activity, including at and near the Mobile Bay shoreline. City of Fairhope parks property, wooded corridor, intersecting the bluff project was removed by contractor. She would like to know more about enforcement. She / Donna gave Kim current pictures of the project to share with Erik. Pictures show the damage to wetlands and current activity on site and on the bluff.

Kim said Erik Cortinas is the main City contact for this project. It is her understanding they are not currently under a Stop Work Order from the City and have obtained permits. However, contractor/property owner does have corrective actions pending (wetland cleaning, restoration, etc.) and may have pending enforcement action coming. Erik has more specifics.

Annette is also concerned about protecting what's left of the city wooded corridor along North Mobile Street. Kim has concerns as well and suggested signage to clearly delineate City property (specifically "park" property).

Corey was not aware of the Mobile Bay bluff property project and city park impact but will follow up with Erik for more information. He said a moratorium on development may be warranted soon. Change is inevitable but we are moving fast. Many of today's projects were approved over a year ago.

Clean Marina Project

Corey would like an update on the Clean Marina Project. He would like City to further consider pursuing this certification.

Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

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

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