

MINUTES OF STORMWATER TASK FORCE MEETING

PURPOSE OF MEETING: The discussion of project scoring criteria and preliminary project list.

DATE OF MEETING: **02-24-2021**

PLACE OF MEETING: **Meeting held via Microsoft Teams**

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: Rolf Anderson AT 6:00 pm (time)

THOSE PRESENT:

<p>[BOARD OR COMMISSION NAME]: [Member Name]: <u>Rolf Anderson</u> [Member Name]: <u>Hans Miller</u> [Member Name]: <u>Matthew Ries</u> [Member Name]: <u>Ellen Heather</u> [Member Name]: <u>Dave Gustafson</u> [Member Name]: _____ [Member Name]: <u>Lauren Pinkus</u></p>	<p><u>Staff Present:</u> [Name]: <u>Andre Prince</u> [Name]: <u>Zak Bradley</u> [Name]: _____ [Name]: _____ [Name]: _____</p> <p>Only list relevant/required staff here.</p>
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OTHERS PRESENT: _____

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION: _____

1. Scored Watershed Management Plan preliminary projects per scoring criteria.
2. Reviewed additional projects from the Watershed Management Plan for assessment by the Task Force.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 9:00 pm

SIGNATURE OF RECORDER: _____

Detailed Meeting Minutes Notes:

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Attendees – FCC -Andre and Zak, Stormwater Task Force (except for Jeff Jardin)

Current Project Updates

- Poplar Ave - Nearing construction on Poplar Ave project – working final details and estimates
- Trammel Branch – awaiting estimate from NOVA contractor for proposed work; council did approach budget amendment to cover cost of effort

Review of Initial Tiering

Hans – safety was a factor in tiering; specifically hydroplaning related projects on Broad. Key is to see if there is data to support there

Ellen – 3s given to heavy commercial locations – is there a way to incentivize businesses to do cost sharing; influenced by nearby Tripps run watershed (Spring / Pennsylvania) – are there more opportunities for retention to reduce rate and amount of flow to Tripps Run, i.e., not just street drainage which still dumps flow Tripps run location but retention

Lauren – should we look to an example of showing what a green city could look like – drove some of the criteria. Intent would be to create something that is higher visibility for public to see example of green infrastructure

Dave – City Hall could be a location to showcase green infrastructure projects. Many seem to have a transportation and safety component; what is transportation view of these projects, i.e., could they be addressed through traffic funding as well as stormwater funding.

Zak – yes, we can use transportation funding for some of those projects, need to have a qualifying transportation project (i.e., road is in bad shape and needs to be reworked and stormwater elements can be worked in – an example of this is the proposed Lincoln Ave project)

Rolf – this raises the question of whether we should have a larger list to open up idea of stormwater projects attached to other projects

Zak -line to draw is how much of the project is stormwater; focus on projects where most is stormwater related (if there is a transportation project, staff will look to green infrastructure and stormwater policy aspects)

Rolf – surprising that hydroplaning is not a criterion that drives a transportation effort

Dave – do we need to consider additional projects NE of Tripps run

Hans /Rolf – do we look at putting these in long term strategic themes, possible themes:

Ellen – are there options to put in standing rule to replace with permeable/green infrastructure;

Rolf – agree but not as a mandate but a consideration

Zak – do not want to be locked into permeable everywhere, be careful that we do not box us into something that drives maintenance but like overall suggestion

Jeff – looking at flooding and number of people impacted (this was covered in “severity” category)

Rolf – looked at overall amount of impervious soil and how to change trend

Lauren – is there someone, Zak?, who is in other project meetings bringing in consideration of stormwater objectives

- Zak – I am in just about every project scope meeting, can include consideration of guidance from the Stormwater Task Force (or someone else in DPW)

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- Ellen / Rolf – guidance from Stormwater task force could be helpful (discussion point for future meeting)

- Matt – informal ROI; if there was a large price tag, that drove some concern; similarly, was there very little impact on smaller projects; also saw public engagement / visibility as a factor

- Matt -what level of granularity do we need? Rolf – understanding is we need top 5-6 based on input from Jeff Jardine

- Ellen – identify priority projects near time, green infrastructure themes (green roofs, bio retention in city parks, etc.), Tripps Run watershed

- Lauren -if Falls Church is committed to green infrastructure, there needs to be a strategic plan when it needs to be a wholistic project

- Ellen/Hans/Lauren – important to recommend and identify key areas city should focus on as part of a strategic roadmap; get away from periodic project prioritization efforts

Preliminary Evaluation Rankings:

Top Tier: Lincoln Ave, TR-11, TR-5, TR-3, FMR-5A

Mid-Tier: FMR-5B, TR-7, TR-8, TR-12A

Bottom Tier: TR-6, TR-1A, TR-4B

Outliers on Bottom Tier

- TR-4B – impact of Tripps Run (Ellen) could move this higher

- TR-6 – if there's data of hydroplaning accidents at this location it should be a higher priority

Outliers for Top Tier

- TR-11 – Jeff Jardin gave TR-11 a bottom-tier rating (need to follow-up on this next meeting)

Other comments

TRM-5B -Private land, cost and right of way a factor drives lower ranking

Matt – Improvements in 5A create improvements for 5B; is there still an issue driving 5B

Matt – City Hall at top of water shed so it reduces impacts downstream

Ellen - Tripps Run Watershed (new) – make these part of a long-term strategy

Rolf – Knolland (new) – put into long range strategy

TR-11 = might be able to get sidewalk improvements and stormwater improvements

Virginia Ave – Ellen proposed making that a top rating for severity for this project based on impact downstream, task force concurred

Task Force completed initial scoring of top tier projects. Will review and reassess scoring at the next meeting. Adjustments may be made to the list or the prioritization if needed.

Homework for next meeting – what are the main themes for broader strategy?

- Next meeting consensus on thematic items

Next meeting will be 11 Mar