

MINUTES OF STORMWATER TASK FORCE MEETING

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

DATE OF MEETING: **02-11-2021**

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:

[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]: <u>Jeff Jardin</u> [Member Name]: <u>Lauren Pinkus</u>	<u>Staff Present:</u> [Name]: <u>Andre Prince</u> [Name]: <u>Zak Bradley</u> [Name]: <u>Paul Stoddard</u> [Name]: _____ [Name]: _____ Only list relevant/required staff here.
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OTHERS PRESENT: _____

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION: _____

1. Developed scoring criteria for the Watershed Management Plan projects
2. Identified remaining projects from the Watershed Management Plan to be reviewed and assessed by the Task Force for prioritization.
3. Considered presentation by Paul Stoddard, Director of Planning, on the Greening of Falls Church, a Holistic Approach to Stormwater Management.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 9:00 pm

SIGNATURE OF RECORDER: _____

Detailed Meeting Minutes Notes:

Staff Update:

- Trammel Branch Project Update– Dave G mentioned council approved some money for the project, but no additional updates on the project from Andre. Currently seeking pricing from McGee Construction, if reasonable then will proceed. Andre is doing site visits on utility conflicts since the project started.

- Pipeline to be installed is not on the same vertical alignment as the existing pipe
- Pipe going as close to the sewer pipe as possible to avoid reconstructing existing junction box

Scoring Criteria

- Watershed Management Plan (focus was on water quality)
 - Taken from 2012 plan
- Hans proposed separate water quality benefit as its own criteria to simplify it
- Criteria from last round of projects (focus was on flooding)
 - Severity, easement right of way (complexity) permit and inter-jurisdictional requirements, constructability, environmental and stream impacts, neighborhood acceptance, and capital costs
- New criteria (broader more holistic)
 - Rolf proposed adding a general criterion for - Potential for state and federal funding
 - Matt – support using old criteria
 - Ellen – recommend adding water quality, green infrastructure; group agreed these are separate and distinct criteria
 - Lauren – remove neighborhood acceptance, interjurisdictional – criteria should be based on what gets us the funding
 - Zak brought up the point that there is an obligation for some of the water quality as an aspect of any project
 - Agreed initial criteria (Items in blue are top priorities followed by weight):
 - Severity (safety and potential for flooding damage) - 5
- Easement right of way (complexity) permit and interjurisdictional requirements - 2
- Constructability (utility conflicts) - 2
- Green Infrastructure (to include nature based) - 4
- Water Quality - 2
- State and Local Funding (resiliency and hazard plan) - 5
- Return on investment (this includes capitol cost) – 3

Review Watershed Management Plan

- Zak - Projects we are selecting now are out year projects -previous stormwater projects are being prioritized for funding
 - If we don't find funding nothing gets done; council is looking for green infrastructure/water quality efforts we can get funding
 - Matt – this makes external funding a top criterion (but this is balanced against Zak's statement about looking and planning for funding of future requirements)
 - Zak – go to council with worst case scenario for rate requirements; this will go down as we get approved for external funding
 - Dave – the out year planning is important to the City Council to help long term planning

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Paul Stoddard (City Planning Director) – brief on Holistic Approaches to Stormwater Management

- Paul covered multiple potential approaches to green infrastructure

Rolf – for next meeting task force will review projects in chapter 5 of watershed management plan; intent is not to prioritize projects but to highlight the projects the task force members feel are the projects that should be a priority.

- Early next week Zak and Andre will let the task force know which of the projects have been completed; projects we assessed to not review or were completed: FMR-1, FMR-2, FMR –3 (TBD on status), FMR-4, FMR-6 (current project), FMR- 9 (Zak mentioned there might also be green infrastructure opportunities), TR-2 (covered on previous six projects – Hillwood 1), TR-9 (VDOT might be doing work here so Zak recommend no review for now),

Projects to review:

- FMR-5A (potential for additional opportunity)
- FMR-5B (TBD on status – this could relief runoff to trammel branch)
- TR-1A
- TR-3 (complete, but review for other opportunities)
- TR-4B
- TR-5
- TR-6
- TR-7 (Lauren mentioned that work was done here, but may not have been stormwater project)
- TR-8
- TR-11
- TR-12A