

MINUTES - ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING 3/11/2010

The meeting was called to order @ 6:03 PM, Thursday, March 11, 2010, in the North Conference Room @ 21630 11th Avenue South, Des Moines with the following in attendance:

Council Members

Scott Thomasson, Chairman
Dave Kaplan, Mayor Pro Tem
Dan Sherman

Guests

Barbara Nightingale - WA Dept of Ecology
Alex Cohen- ESA Adolfson (Consultant)

City Staff

Tony Piasecki - City Manager
Grant Fredricks, PB&PW Director
Robert Ruth - Development Services Manager
Loren Reinhold – Environment/Utilities Engineer
Linda Wright - Admin Asst.

AGENDA:

1. Approval of January 28, 2010 Minutes (previously distributed by email)
2. Finalize review of Draft Shoreline Master Program (45 minutes)
3. Discussion of Huntington Park services agreement
4. Normandy Park Agreement
 - a. Normandy Creek Basin Plan
 - b. Stormwater pond at 1st Avenue/200th Street: Ownership and maintenance issues
 - c. Normandy Park Comprehensive Plan's provisions for trunkline upgrades in Des Moines; development standards.
 - d. Use of Normandy Park's decant facility
 - e. Normandy Park's limitation to allow storm system connections to 1st Avenue
 - f. Cost sharing drainage improvements along 1st Avenue

MEETING:

1. Minutes of January 28, 2010 were approved after one minor change from the ones distributed by email....reflecting that Grant Fredricks was not in attendance due to wife's surgery. Approved minutes to be resent to all.

OLD BUSINESS:

2. **Draft Shoreline Master Program (SMP):** Robert Ruth with support of consultant and representative from DOE reviewed Chapter 6 of the SMP. Staff received policy direction on several items:
 - a. Clarification on dollar threshold on exemptions and an escalation factor to be added to the plan (p. 97);
 - b. Building heights to match underlying zoning (i.e., 35') to agree w/ RCW;
 - c. Variance process to be discussed at the end of the SMP, not in multiple places;
 - d. Clarification that SMP governs even when Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) is more restrictive;
 - e. List of approved materials to be referenced to other documents such as WDFW;
 - f. Eliminate CAO-extracted rules when they extend beyond the shoreline;
 - g. Public access through or to private property; and
 - h. Page 86 #8 insert "conditional use permit" and Pages 93 clarify that a variance process exists elsewhere.

Staff will make necessary changes per comments and was given permission to bring the SMP forward to full Council for adoption April 8, 2010. Have in boxes at least by “packet due date”. Provide list of top 10 major changes/issues to be discussed with new draft plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

3. **Huntington Park Agreement:** Loren brought up previous request from Huntington Park to sweep streets and clean catch basins because they pay same fee, some City surface water goes through their system and they have to maintain their own streets. After discussion, conclusion was reached by Committee that there would be no special agreement, no sweeping, no maintenance to their SWM facilities or to their streets and no rate adjustment. **Committee wants staff to bring to full Council at a future study session.**
4. **Normandy Park SWM Issues:** Staff only had about 5 minutes to discuss and was given the go ahead to work with Normandy Park on a Normandy Creek Basin Plan proposal with shared costs based on acreage. The plan would review operations and maintenance, development standards, the 1st Ave. Pond and restoration opportunities on Normandy Creek.

Staff also discuss drainage along 1st Avenue from S.208th south affecting DM Creek Basin; and finally staff will work on a joint operating agreement for Des Moines’ vector waste deposits in the SW Suburban decant station in Normandy Park for presentation at a subsequent Environmental Committee meeting.

Adjourned @ 7:25 PM

Respectfully submitted by: Linda Wright, Admin Asst.