

MINUTES - ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING 04/29/2010

The meeting was called to order @ 6:35 PM, Thursday, April 29, 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

City Staff

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

AGENDA:

1. Approval of March 11, 2010, Minutes (previously distributed by email)
2. Huntington Park Services, including how to manage and service the City's ROW being used for their private streets
3. Normandy Park IL Agreement on drainage and basin planning.

MEETING:

1. Minutes of March 11, 2010 were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

2. **Huntington Park Services:** Previously there was a 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 had asked that staff to bring to full Council at a future study session. Staff could find no clear records of ownership or how the original plat (PUD) was set up and the rules of ownership – the topic was also to be referred to the PS&T Committee for their input as to road ownership. (Meeting has not been held).

Topic was again brought up before Environment Committee tonight and Loren passed out a map. Discussion broadened after realizing the ownership questions was still not resolved as to who might have documents that would prove who owned the streets and was required to maintain, sweep and take care of drainage issues. Map was passed out to show where Huntington Park was laid out and the main streets included. S.248th appears to be the only real street in contention but again no one knew for sure.

Staff was redirected to do some further investigation as to ownership, rules of the PUD, King County Ordinance etc. when it was first set up, prior to annexation. Once again the feeling was these points need to be further clarified but all feel there should be no special agreement, no sweeping, no maintenance to their drainage facilities, streets and no rate adjustment. It was suggested to check with Highline Water and/or Midway Sewer to see if they had any of the original documents. Also, determined not ready to be brought before full Council until the answers to these questions have been fully investigated. If cannot be resolved, then again will respond back to Huntington Park with a memo stating stipulations after agreement by full Council e.g. Services will not be reinstated, no credit will be allowed; however agree to sweep S. 248th and maintain catch basins.

3. Normandy Park ILA on drainage and basin planning:

Loren passed out a recap of the Interlocal Agreement he's been working on which was divided into three (3) sections: 1.) Preliminary Basin Study 2.) Decant Facility, and 3.) 1st Avenue Improvements. After limited discussion, it was determined that there should be three (3) separate documents or agreements – it was too diverse and complicated to be incorporated into one document with different timelines and requirements.

Section 1: Preliminary Basin Study – Loren had come up with a possible percentage break down but Committee wants him to look more closely at the Basin guidelines. Normandy Park didn't want anything to do with the Des Moines Creek Basin. Not sure we have enough vested interests. Not totally against doing a Basin Study.

Section 2: Need to do some further checking into other Decant possibilities – Renton Highlands, Kent. Concerns about handshake deal between Normandy Park and Southwest Suburban. At some point stricter regulations may cause problem there and don't want Des Moines to get caught in the middle. Want to do it right the first time.

Section 3: Believe this ditch is their responsibility and just needs to be cleaned up – would solve some of the issues. It's a long ways in future and tied to 1st Avenue WSDOT project – they own the road, City just maintains (Normandy Park) – not sure it's worth our time and effort at this point. Let it ride.

Committee wants ILA with Normandy Park to be three separate issues/documents of choice – willing to further discuss No. 1 and 2 but wants 3 tabled.

Adjourned @ 7:38 PM

Submitted by: Linda Wright, Admin Asst.