

MINUTES - ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING 2.19.2015

The meeting was called to order @ 5:30 PM, Thursday, February 19, 2015, in the Council Chambers @ 21630 11th Avenue South, Des Moines with the following in attendance:

Council Members

Dave Kaplan, Chair

Melissa Musser

Vic Pennington

City Staff

Dan Brewer, PBPW Director

Loren Reinhold, SWM Utility Manager

Denise Lathrop, Community Dev Manager

Nikole Porter, Land Use Planner II

Peggy Volin, Admin Asst II

Consultants:

Austin Fisher - Parametrix

Craig Chambers – BHC Consultants

AGENDA:

1. Approve minutes of 1.15.2015 meeting
2. 2015 Comp Plan Update – Conservation Element
3. Draft Surface Water Comp Plan Update
4. 2014 Southwest Suburban Sewer District Comp Plan
5. FEMA Flood Plain Management

MEETING:

1. Approve minutes of the January 15, 2015 meeting: Unanimously passed.
2. 2014 Southwest Suburban Sewer District Comp Plan: Consultant Craig Chambers for SW Suburban Sewer District presented the 2014 Southwest Suburban Sewer District Comprehensive Plan to the Committee. He went over the Executive Summary from the plan which included the District's policy for sewer extensions and service area maps that outlined future sewer extensions.
3. Draft Surface Water Comp Plan Update: SWM Utility Manager Loren Reinhold gave the Committee the final draft of the Surface Water Comprehensive Plan and also went over the comments that were received at the February 12, 2015 Council meeting. He asked for any final comments from the Committee before presenting the plan to the full Council next month for adoption. The Committee recommended approving the final draft Comprehensive Plan with no changes.
4. FEMA Flood Plain Management: SWM Utility Manager Loren Reinhold briefed the Committee on the December 2014 FEMA letter that was received concerning alternatives for jurisdictions to allow development within the floodplain to meet the requirements of the Endangered Species Act. FEMA is moving forward with the three alternatives as outlined in the letter. Staff requested direction to hire an environmental consultant to

review the alternatives and City code, and provide recommendations. The Committee consented to hire the consultant.

5. 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update – Conservation Element: Community Development Manager Denise Lathrop presented the proposed amendments to the Conservation Element which were highlighted by three documents; the first being the proposed amendments shown in track changes with staff comments in the margins that clarify why text is being deleted or moved; a copy of the chapter as it reads with the changes accepted; and a copy of the original chapter as it reads today for comparison.

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:00 pm

Submitted by: Peggy Volin, Admin Asst II