

MINUTES - ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING 5.21.2015

The meeting was called to order @ 6:00 PM, Thursday, May 21, 2015, in the North Conference room @ 21630 11th Avenue South, Des Moines with the following in attendance:

Council Members

Dave Kaplan, Chair

Melissa Musser

Vic Pennington

City Staff

Tony Piasecki, City Manager

Loren Reinhold, SWM Utility Manager

Denise Lathrop, Com Dev Manager

Peggy Volin, Admin Asst II

AGENDA:

1. Approve minutes of 4. 9.2015 meeting
2. Dept of Ecology: Guidelines on Wetland & Frequently Flooded Areas
3. FEMA Flood Plain Management Update
4. Follow-up on Lakehaven & Southwest Suburban Comprehensive Plan Comments

MEETING:

1. Approve minutes of the April 9, 2015 meeting: Unanimously approved.
2. Department of Ecology - Guidelines on Wetland & Frequently Flooded Areas: Community Development Manager Denise Lathrop provided the Committee with an overview of recent updates to the Washington Department of Ecology wetland classification and rating system and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) and designations and discussed how these changes affect the application of Des Moines Critical Area regulation of that area codified in Chapter 16.10 DMMC.
3. FEMA Flood Plain Management Update: SWM Utility Manager Loren Reinhold briefed the Committee on the Scope of Work with Parametrix to evaluate the flood management alternatives for complying with the recent Biological Opinion from the National Marine Fisheries Service for protecting listed species and their habitat as related to flood plains and associated riparian habitat zones. Duration of the project is expected to be 2 months. A report and checklist of requirements should be ready for review at the July Committee meeting.
4. Follow-up on Lakehaven & Southwest Suburban Comprehensive Plan Comments: SWM Utility Manager Loren Reinhold reviewed the response letters received from both Lakehaven Utility and Southwest Suburban Sewer District regarding the City's comments to their respective water and sewer comprehensive plans. Issues related to the plans have been adequately addressed and final plans will be brought forth to Council for adoption later this year.

Meeting Adjourned @ 6:40 pm

Submitted by: Peggy Volin, Admin Asst II

