

Historic Ellicott City Flood Workgroup

Minutes

01/19/17

❖ Attendance/Roll Call – 6pm

Present	Not Present
➤ Debbie Slack Katz (Chair)	➤ Bob Frances (Staff)
➤ Phil Nichols (Staff)	➤ Kevin Bloom (Member)
➤ Ken McNaughton (Member)	➤ Dave Myers (Member)
➤ Lori Lilly (Member)	➤ Jim Caldwell (Staff)
➤ Ron Peters (Member)	➤ Frank Durantaye (Member)
➤ Gary Smith (Staff)	
➤ Mark Deluca (Staff)	
➤ Bruno Reich (Member)	
➤ Raj Kudchadkar (Staff)	
➤ Mike Hinson for Ryan Miller (Staff)	

❖ Old Business –

- Ken moved to approve, Ron second, all approve
- **Ryan will bring in his radio at the next meeting to show the group**

❖ Calendar Review –

- Future meeting dates:
 - Feb 13
 - Mar 13
 - Apr 3 (change from 4/10)
 - May 8
 - Jun 12
 - Jul 10
 - Aug 14
 - Sept 11
 - Oct 9
 - Nov 13

- Dec 11
- **Meetings need to be posted to County's public calendar**

❖ **Update on Flood Recovery –**

- Insurance follow up
 - Jon Sandler – did not show; **Debbie will try to get him for the next meeting**
 - Discussion on group rates and our Insurance-related charge – best follow-up is with Jon
 - **Ron is getting flood elevation certs for insurance and will let us know how it goes**
- Master Plan
 - Discussion - How will we partner with other groups as we move forward
 - Ken – we can advise the County
 - Discussion - Will we be used as an advisory group for CAG? Phil – clarification that CAG will fold by February 1, as described in its organizing Executive Order, and in his opinion, the Flood Workgroup's role could be more about longer term implementation and accountability
 - Master Plan is a watershed plan process with zoning recommendations, a charrette-process, and would likely be adopted as a general plan amendment
 - Lori – Flood Workgroup, CAG and Long Term Recovery are all rather short term groups and we need a group that will stick around for a long time, at a minimum we need a mechanism for replacing appointments; Should our organization model be more like that of a permanent Board (e.g. Environmental Sustainability Board) – **Debbie and Gary will look into**
 - Discussion - 1.7 million for /courthouse and George Howard Building projects – Emory St is overwhelmed – pending bond bill from Del Flanagan in April will help; GHB complex water that goes down Rogers is problematic; Rusty Rim successful? Old Columbia Pike drainage issues – lack of storm drains
 - Debbie - 47 of 71 businesses back – want to keep businesses around – discussion on new tenants, charge of ECP
 - **Tom Harmon – invite to next meeting**

❖ **Member Share –** Member topics of interest, important events, etc.

- Ron – n/a
- Bruno – we need the big ass pipe
- Lori – asked about stream corridor assessment – results will be very soon according to Mike and there will be a presentation; Asked about ACOE presentation outreach – a mailing has gone out and the webinar will be posted to web-site
- Gary – n/a
- Mike – thinking about DNR funded green infrastructure assessment – already have a standing contract with Biohabitats so may use them

- Ken – hiked down Sucker Branch – old stone bridge is damage; hiked up by old landfill
- Mark – discussed stream restoration on Sucker Branch
- Phil – n/a

❖ **Public Input**

- Mike Thompson – Biohabitats – Ecologist – lives in Valley Meade, which flooded as well – need to remember that Ellicott City is not the only community with flood issues
- Joel Hurewitz – need to post meeting announcements to web for public; discussed demountable barriers that could protect fronts of buildings; project at courthouse – consider underground concrete vaults; old jail – could be floodable parking garage; discussed mini-bonds as donations to gain back interest and fund projects; need more alarms and rain gages – Worthington Park, fire station, Mt Hebron, Veterans – look it up on the web

❖ **Adjourn – 8pm**