

Historic Ellicott City Flood Workgroup

Minutes

02/13/17

❖ Attendance/Roll Call – 6pm

Present	Not Present
➤ Debbie Slack Katz (Chair)	➤ Bob Frances (Staff)
➤ Phil Nichols (Staff)	➤ Jim Caldwell (Staff)
➤ Ken McNaughton (Member)	➤ Mark Deluca (Staff)
➤ Lori Lilly (Member)	
➤ Ron Peters (Member)	
➤ Gary Smith (Staff)	Guests
➤ Joe Herr (Staff)	➤ Beth Woodruff
➤ Bruno Reich (Member)	➤ John Campana
➤ Ryan Miller (Staff)	➤ Tom Harman
➤ Kevin Bloom (Member)	➤ Grace Kubofich
➤ Frank Durantaye (Member)	
➤ Dave Myers (Member)	
➤ Maria Bernadzikowski (Staff)	

❖ Old Business –

- Bruno moved to approve the minutes, Frank second, all approve

❖ Announcements –

- Phil will be the Flood Workgroup's new staff person
- Joe will be transitioning out of the Recovery Manager role; OEM will be dialing back and DPZ will be ramping up – WE ALL THANK JOE FOR HIS EFFORTS!!
- The Millworks building is now open (#8098 Main)
- CAG finalized their report; it was delivered to the County Executive on 2/3; consultant will be looking at what long-term group Master Plan ideas have been prepared to evaluate; short term projects will be evaluated in H&H study by McCormick Taylor

- Stream Corridor Assessment – on web-site today; Case Study not ready yet – press release is coming
- 2/22 is the deadline for responses to the Master Plan RFP

❖ Tom Harman presentation –

- Tom is from the Federal Highway Administration, Center for Accelerated Innovation – CHANGE – Collaborative Hydraulics Advancing Next Generation of Change – brings national experts (e.g. Dr Eric Brown) to communities as well as assessment tools
- Have a grant program and up to 1 myn to assess innovation
- State Highways plate is too full
- TruFlo - \$10,000/yr licensing fee, can use a free software – USVR
- MD is falling behind in its ability to monitor flooding – CO is doing an innovative job – mitigation techniques need to be used with highest bang for the buck
- Tom encouraged the County to put in a grant application – packet is relatively easy to put together; could look at use of model to look at potential developments; could add in a monitoring component with gages under the grant; rolling solicitation for up to 10 myn dollars to give away; technical assistance is free – could help to look at McCormick Taylor study; need 20% match; 7 myn available now and another 10 available in Sept; grant would come from DPW.
- Safe Transportation for Every Pedestrian (SAFE) – counter-measures for pedestrians
- Webinar – CHANGE – posted – also have workshop / summits

❖ Dan Shear, Hydrologic –

- Dan had the flu and couldn't make it. Will come 3/13.

❖ Other –

- John Saunders may come 3/13.
- Ron's flood elevation certs - got ratings back. Will get quotes back this week.
- Discussion on buying flood policies as a group. Gap insurance for what FEMA doesn't pay for?
- Discussion on what is our function – look at insurance more; public education; advisory to County for studies and projects
- Ken delivered an excellent written report to the group
- Lori informed the group of an incoming development on Courthouse Dr by Fels Ln – 8 housing unit – Planning Board meeting on 3/1 for those interested in weighing in and learning more
- John Campana, GreenVest – private land partnerships for stream restoration and stormwater management – schedule John for an agenda sometime this summer (May) – his organization charges a fixed price instead of time and material
- Gary - passed tax credit bill last Mon; bill will be active in 61 days from passage
- Ryan's radio showcase – NOAA's all hazard radio - \$40-50 – needs SAME (Specific Area Message Encoding) encoding – another options Midland model WR-300

❖ **Adjourn – 8pm**