

Historic Ellicott City Flood Workgroup

MINUTES

09-11-2017

Present	Not Present
Debbie Slack Katz (Chair)	Jim Caldwell (Staff)
Phil Nichols (Staff)	Bob Frances (Staff)
Mark DeLuca (Staff)	Ryan Miller (Staff)
Gary Smith (Staff)	Maria Bernadzikowski (Staff)
Kevin Bloom (Member)	Bruno Reich (Member)
Lori Lilly (Member)	Ken McNaughton (Member)
Ron Peters (Member)	
Frank Durantaye (Member)	
Dave Myers (Member)	

❖ Attendance/Roll Call – 6pm

- Debbie noted that Bruno has requested a leave of absence from the Flood Workgroup.

❖ Old Business –

- Approval of minutes from 07-12-2017 – Ron moved to approve, Debbie second, all approve.

❖ Update on Flood Recovery –

- One EC Recovery Project Update—Adam Feldman
 - ONE EC update – Close to one year formation in Oct. – project anticipated to take 12-18 months – on target; work is case-based – anticipated 50 cases, ended up with 30 – all but 12 have been assigned to case workers and remaining will be assigned in next 45 days.
 - Getting funding going – Most community donations went to EC Strong Fund prior to One EC starting their own fundraising efforts.
 - Next Board mtg on 9/27 at 7:30 – voting on cases
 - All house building work has been referred to Rebuilding Howard County, e.g. mold remediation; replacements; One EC conducts casework for their Clients even if the case was referred to Rebuilding Together. Referrals to RT are only for the purpose of seeking RT’s assistance with construction/rebuilding work, and not for other forms of gap assistance. It is up to RT to determine whether or not they will assist the referred Client. That is not One EC’s decision.
 - Helping to prepare for next floods
 - Geographic scope includes Valley Meade and EC zip code
 - \$250,000 raised to date

- How they assess cases – through a vulnerability assessment – provide gap assistance – a number of factors are considered – move from most to least vulnerable
- Outreach – utilized existing resources (e.g. Red Cross), canvassed people from those lists, spoke at HOAs
- Adam’s contact info: Adam.feldman@ellicottcityrecovery.org
- Project Update & Storm Event 08-18-2017 Overview – Mark DeLuca & Phil Nichols
 - HoCo sent DRP staff to cut trees in FL for disaster assistance
 - McT recommendations – 85 myn for whole program, each subwatershed is 18 myn – first phase of projects moving forward – 29/40 pond; large pond on Tiber; storm drain project on Hudson – doubling pipe in size; New Cut pond – County is spreading out resource across subwatersheds
 - Hudson Branch project – alleviate capacity issues – increase pipe under West End Services – add a bypass pipe at dogleg that carries 50% of water
 - Designs underway for 3 of 4 projects – will be done before spring, will receive construction dollars in next budget cycle; permits could take 4-6 months
 - Need more money in FY19 budget – will have some extra design funds left for construction which will be applied to storm drain project
 - 15% of disaster allocation comes back to us as mitigation dollars
 - Constructability review will affect project implementation
 - George Howard Building and old courthouse – at 30% design – will look at cost benefit and re-assess
 - WalMart and Opti project – can we get an update? **Phil will ask**
 - Ellicott Terrace – under 100-year SWM? **Phil will check**
 - USACOE study will be complete 1/18
 - 8/18/2017 event – 1.76” in 45 min – flooding conditions observed – video from Jack of Arts was reviewed
- Upcoming Events—Phil Nichols
 - 9/19 at 6PM– MD Insurance Administration
 - 9/23 at 12PM – MSMF – pop up Master Plan activity
 - 11/14 at 630PM – 3rd public workshop
 - 11/15 at 1PM – Master Plan presentation

❖ Member Share

- Lori’s updates – channel maintenance to begin week of 10/1; received a 2-year National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant for Ellicott City Soak It Up project to engage watershed residents in the construction of small best management practices; discussed potential for publicly accessible web cams on the Ellicott City streams with funding from BGE Safety grant
- Frank complimented DPW on all of their work
- Grace – when is appropriate date have discussion about 3 proposed dry ponds and environmental impacts – **Debbie and Phil to determine**

- John Bolton – concerned citizen, water resource hydrologist at NASA – looking at impact of development and climate change in watershed
- Richard Blood lives in Font Hill – member of Emory UMC, discussed sewer connect issues

❖ **Adjourn – 8pm**