

Ellicott City Flood Work Group June 12, 2017

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

Guests: Grace Kubofich and Gayle Killen

- Call to order 7 pm----Debbie
- Approval of Minutes from May – Ron motion to approve, Kevin second, all approve
- County Update / Phil – Master Plan and H&H kick-off occurred on 6/6; formal document to be online by Friday
- S&S Planning and Design Study presentation – Matt Smith
  - Stream Corridor Assessment
    - Visual survey to document conditions that may exacerbate flooding – road crossings, building crossings, erosion sites, debris, channelization
    - Looked at accessibility and severity
    - Recommendations - Monitor and maintain flood walls; perform maintenance on debris esp at constriction points, implement stream restoration and bank stabilization projects
    - 7 problem sites identified as projects: 1) Tiber Park boulder accumulation; 2) Footbridge at Lot D; 3) Under brewery; 4) Frank’s place – central bar in channel – stream cannot move material – channel widening – prime candidate for restoration; 5) sand bag wall (underway by Lori); 6) 8688 Frederick Rd acquisition; 7) Behind Precious Gifts (underway by County)
    - State Highways is looking for stream restoration sites to meet TMDL goals – design and construction \$ – **Matt will send us info**
    - **Debbie requested a “cross walk” to know what is being worked on and what isn’t from the study – Phil will follow-up at next meeting**
  - Case Study
    - Purpose – collect information as available to document impacted properties by the floodwaters; provide an approximate timeline; can be used to validate the H&H model; complements the Stream Corridor Assessment

- The case study is not to be an official “damage assessment” but is being used in that manner – some feel that this skews cost benefit analysis
  - Ken suggests an article in the Baltimore Sun
  - Matt – they can take out damage assessment numbers and provide an updated report
  - **Ryan will ask some other communities if they have had similar discrepancies in damages or managed to get a hold of that cost and how they track it**
  - Water flow discrepancies - 8600 block – water flowing from hillside like a waterfall – not captured in report – **Matt will update**
  - Other discrepancies identified from Melissa Metz’s interviews – **Lori sent to Matt and Matt will update**
  - The group discussed compiling damage estimates on its own but did not reach consensus on the best method of doing such
- Good of the order
    - Commemorative event – Lori reported that she inquired of ECP about doing something flood-education-wise and was told that there was not a good place / time to do that; **Debbie and Dave will follow up at ECP Board meeting**
    - Ken – noted Design Manual changes in Weinstein’s newsletter
    - Ken – noted Mark D recognized Flood Workgroup’s in Master Plan meeting handout
    - Ron – noted that S&S study did not include information or data from Merryman St – **Ron will send photos to Matt**

Adjourn 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Lilly