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GEORGETOWN STORM WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (GSWAC)
Meeting March 16, 2009, 4:00 p.m. City Hall Council Chambers

Minutes

Attendees: Eric Larson, Sandy Camargo, Ben Krebs, Brian Hayes, Ashley Sorrell, Jim Burgess, Gene Thomas, Reggie Greenup, Becky Barrick, Larry Prather, Bill Parker.

- 1) Introductions – No guests were present.
- 2) Update on Kentucky Division of Water's statewide Phase II Stormwater and statewide general construction (KYR10) permit – Sandy Camargo, CDP Engineers – Eric informed the group that the statewide MS4 permit is still under development and has not been issued. Sandy states that he has been told by Abby Rains, KYDOW, that the local SWQMP will be reviewed first and those elements will likely form the basis of the state permit language. Sandy and Eric reported that Georgetown, in collaboration with the Kentucky MS4 Workgroup, submitted comments in December and March on the draft statewide construction permit, KYR10. Sandy reports that Abby has commented a third version of the permit will likely be released for comments in the near future. There is evidently a large opposition by environmental groups to make the permit stronger in the area of anti-degradation of streams. Sandy offered to get the minutes of the last KYR10 public meeting and email them to the committee.
- 3) Update on local permit review and approval from KyDOW and 2008 Annual Report – Sandy – CDP submitted the annual report for 2008 to KYDOW in February. No word from KyDOW on the review status other than "received." Again, Sandy pointed out we still do not have an approved MS4 permit. It was submitted in June 2008.
- 4) Review of Recent activity on MCM (Education, Outreach, "Branding") – Eric W. Larson, City Engineer, Sandy – Eric reported that he recently met with Carol D. Hanley, Director of Education and Communications at the Tracy Farmer Center for the Environment at UK. Along with the Soil Conservation Service and UK's Ag Extension office, they would like to help us with a Public Outreach and Education Project. TV PSA was discussed. They are looking into it and will get back with us. This would potentially be in partnership with other region MS4s. Eric also attended a "Making Connections with Schools" workshop on March 4th. The focus was to provide insight and resources to making successful contact with the schools and getting into the classroom easier. Eric Larson spoke at the Bluegrass Council Boy Scouts of American University of Scouting 2009 leadership training at Georgetown College. The topic was "engaging the local community". I



discussed public education and outreach opportunities available through MS4 and how BSA could help. Participates were given a copy of the KyTC toolkit CD.

Upcoming events: April 13-18 – Tire Disposal sponsored by the County Solid Waste Department. 8a-4p at the KyTC Maintenance Barn on East Main Street Extended. Call J.R. Williamson for information.

Eric stated that the permit year 1 activities included a mass-mailer of some kind. After reviewing various distribution options, a stuffer with the GMWSS water bill seems to be the cheapest solution. Eric asked for advice on the topic. Suggestions included spring lawn fertilizers, grass clipping, rain gardens, and rain barrels. Sandy suggested looking at the statewide survey results for Georgetown to determine areas of focus.

Eric introduced the final version of the program logo and “branding” message. GSQUAD, for Georgetown Stormwater Quality Division, will be the name. Protecting Stormwater Quality will be the slogan. The logo is a six point star with a raindrop inset, similar looking to a law enforcement badge. The six points will be in reference to the six MCMs in the program. Eric noted that one of the first actions will be to order some freebies. A small pin style button can be made for less than twenty cents each if ordered in large quantities. Eric will be looking for sponsors or purchasing out of the general fund.

- 5) Looking ahead for remainder of Permit Year – Eric, Sandy – Eric listed the following activities that he and CDP intend to pursue from now to June 30, 2009:
 - a. Stormwater Mapping Update
 - b. Erosion Control Ordinance Revision – Ben Krebs asked how the development of the draft will occur. Eric stated his thoughts would be to email the draft to the SWAC, give them 2 weeks to review, create another draft version, email out again, then finalize a version to present to City council after the next SWAC meeting in June. Ben and Eric agree City Council needs to adopt an ordinance rather than trying to include the text in the subdivision regulations.
 - c. Stream Clean up or Watershed patrol or Storm Drain Stenciling Project – Eric will discuss with the Boy Scouts and Sandy will approach Rick Kopp at Georgetown College.
 - d. Education – Flyer (GMWSS stuffer)
 - e. PSA
 - f. Post Construction training for employees
- 6) Update – Funding needs / City Budget Process – Eric – Eric reported that to date, the City has spent \$24,000 of the \$67,410 budget. While that sounds low, we have done very little. The upcoming activities will spend a good portion of that money. Next year, the budget is proposed to be \$138,000 (\$63,000 + \$75,000 for SWU). In following major initiatives are being proposed:
 - a. Storm Water Utility – continues to be the big ticket item for the program. – Eric noted that the recent press Lexington has received concerning the credits program has raised concerns about developing a SWU in Georgetown. Brian Hayes points out the current problems in Lexington are in part a result of the past bureaucratic problems the city has had that created the need for the consent decree to begin with. Georgetown should take Lexington’s example and take proactive action now rather than wait until EPA sues them for poor performance.
 - b. Post Construction Ordinance- change from PY 1 (08-09)
 - c. Education – Flyer
 - d. Education in Schools continues
 - e. PSA
 - f. Community Education and outreach opportunities

- g. Rain Garden Events
- h. Storm Drain Stenciling event
- i. Outreach event
- j. IDDE Ordinance and Protocols (maybe postpone to PY 3)
- k. Update mapping continues
- l. Data Management (Geosync or other data management tool)
- m. IDDE screening
- n. MCM 4 inspections continue
- o. Street Sweeping protocols / route map
- p. Assist Public Works in Recycling campaign
- q. Employee training continues

- 7) Update from Planning Commission on MCM 4 data management – Ben Krebs briefed the group on the development of Windows Mobile based software to collect inspection data electronically and download into a database. Reduces time and waste. Brian Hayes commended the Planning Commission staff's efforts to develop this electronic data management. This is a great example of cost effective, time management, and efficiency.
- 8) Next Meeting date – June 15, 2009 4:00 pm City Hall – Topic: 2009-2010 Permit, Program budget and activities for FY 09-10.
- 9) Adjourn