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CITY OF IOWA CITY
MEMORANDUM

Date: April 23, 2009

To: City Council

From: Rick Fosse, Director of Public Works
Jeff Davidson, Director of Planning and Community Development

Re: Update: Flood-related activities

Engineering and Public Works Administration:

- Worked with staff to develop the applications for the Community Disaster Grants.
- Contractor waiting for Iowa River levels to go down to work on the river bank repair on the Iowa River Corridor Trail south of Hills Bank.
- Waiver signed for Iowa DNR in regards to the Iowa Avenue Sewer Crossing.
- Awaiting DNR approval of the plans for the reconstruction of the Iowa Avenue Sewer Crossing.
- Developing plans for the repair of flood damaged infrastructure.
- Met with FEMA regarding the status of the Animal Shelter.
- Developing plans for the Riverside Festival Stage Electrical Repair.
- Answering questions from the public regarding the Park Road Bridge and Dubuque Street Elevation Project and the North Waste Water Plant Relocation.

Water Division

- Replacing meters in flooded areas (Idyllwild & Parkview Terrace) – in-house project
    1. Received a call from Barb Glynn with FEMA regarding Hazard Mitigation and addressed her questions
- Working with Engineering for design and schedule on the 12" river crossing repairs (Old Plant and Hwy 6)
- Met with Jeff Chalk with FEMA and his colleague Perry to review the PW and Hazard Mitigation submittals in order that they may be updated with cost data from the Hazard Mitigation Study
    1. Plan to meet with Jeff Chalk on 4/15/09 to discuss updates and ramifications on hazard mitigation funding
- Continued to work with Deb Mansfield and State of Iowa on projects related to FEMA Hazard Mitigation reimbursement
- Continuing to work with Steve Long to identify funding for additional Hazard Mitigation Projects.
- Hazard Mitigation report from Howard R. Green is expected to be complete by mid April.
    1. Send Ayres/U. of I. Iowa River Flood Study to HRG to incorporate into Hazard Mitigation Study Report

Wastewater Division

- Repair of the North Wastewater Treatment Facility is now complete.

Planning and Community Development:

- Staff has distributed $543,416 in Federal Jumpstart funds and $622,025 in State Jumpstart funds.
- Staff continues to meet with the long term recovery committee to determine our community definition of "long term recovery"
- Staff is currently working with or has distributed funding to 75 flood affected households.
- Governor Culver signed SF 289 into law on Tuesday, April 21 at the Old Capitol, with community development and PCD staff in attendance.
- Planning staff have been meeting with the City Attorney's office to coordinate efforts to quickly begin the process of making offers to homeowners once we receive approval from FEMA officials regarding Iowa City's HMGP application. While no firm date has been given, it appears approval will come in mid-May.
- Staff received verbal confirmation the grants submitted under the Community Disaster Grants Program have been approved. The funds should be arriving in about 2 weeks. Planning staff will be beginning the process of collecting all required documents so that the funds can be quickly disbursed to assist in our flood recovery efforts.
- Jumpstart Business Recovery – closed out April 15:
  56 applications
  50 approved for funding: totaling $1,191,288.
  2 pending approval: totaling $55,000
- Business Rental Assistance Program Opened on April 16
  As of noon today, we have received 18 applications totaling $237,000 in business rental assistance requests.