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CITY OF IOWA CITY
MEMORANDUM

Date: June 11, 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

- Work with staff to develop the applications for the Community Disaster Grants.
- Developing plans for the repair of flood damaged infrastructure.
- Work with Water Division to determine repair and replacement plans for the Iowa River water main crossings.
- Working with the Iowa DOT to reallocate the FHWA emergency repairs funds for Park Road Bridge and Dubuque Street to the elevation Project.
- Met with the University regarding plan for mitigation at Mayflower Residence Hall.
- Met with EDA in regards to the Park Road / Dubuque Street and Wastewater Applications.
- Discussion with the Army Corps of Engineers in regards to the construction plans and schedule for the Section 14 Iowa River Bank Stabilization along Dubuque Street downstream from the Park Road Bridge.

Water Division

- Continued replacing meters in flooded areas (Idyllwild & Parkview Terrace) – in-house project – (very few left)
- Continue to work with Engineering for design and schedule on the 12" river crossing repairs (Old Plant and Hwy 6)
    1. HRG will provide design, specifications and inspection bid documents for the two projects (temporary and permanent repair). A preliminary estimated cost for the projects has been forwarded to FEMA. We're awaiting HRG's scope of services contract and fee for these projects.
    2. FEMA has completed the PW for the temporary repair and it has been 'obligated'
    3. FEMA has completed the PW for a Geo-Technical Study for the River Crossings and it has been 'obligated'
    4. Upon completion of the Geo-Technical Study FEMA will complete the PW and Hazard Mitigation to replace both river crossings
- Information clarifying the PW and Hazard Mitigation funding for the Peninsula well houses and respective electrical equipment has been accepted by FEMA. We are awaiting the 'obligation' stage.
- We are awaiting a technical opinion on the potential negative impact of the flood on the capacity of CW 3 & CW 4 in order to submit to FEMA
- The Hazard Mitigation report from Howard R. Green is complete and will be transmitted tomorrow.
- The HRG Hazard Mitigation report will demark the projects covered by FEMA funding and thos that will need other funding. We will work with Steve Long to identify funding for additional Hazard Mitigation Projects.

Planning and Community Development

- As part of the State's Community Disaster Grants program, the City recently acquired 612 Normandy and just over 19 acres of vacant land in the floodplain along the Iowa River south of Taft Speedway and west of Dubuque Street. We will close on 105 Taft by the end of June.
- All 39 buyout offers are out, with the last batch going out last week. To date, we have received 16 signed offers back. Nine owners (constituting 11 parcels) have indicated that they will appeal, but only three owners (constituting four parcels) have actually sent in their appeals so far. The City cannot close until we get the Duplication of Benefits figures from FEMA which we hope to start receiving around July 1.
- We were informed this week by the Iowa Department of Economic Development that we were awarded $1,729,438 in Supplemental CDBG funds for the required 15% local match for the HMGP buyout program. This brings the total funds for the HMGP buyout program to $11,592,681.
- Staff has distributed $1.6 million in state and federal jumpstart funds to date.
- Two rental rehabilitation projects are currently underway and should be completed by the end of June.
- To date we have assisted 35 households with slightly more than $87,000 through the Community Foundation of Johnson County assistance program.
- Park View Terrace and Idyllwild will host commemorative events this Saturday. Idyllwild will meet on the Pentire Circle from 3 pm – 5 pm; Park View Terrace will meet in the 800 block of Eastmoor from 4 pm - 8 pm. Guests are welcome and asked to bring a dish to share, something to grill, and a beverage.
- Staff participated in a conference call with representatives of the Environmental Protection Agency on June 11 to discuss Iowa City's Smart Growth project at the site of the north wastewater treatment facility.
- PCD Staff participated in a webinar with the Iowa Department of Economic Development, Iowa Finance Authority, Rebuild Iowa Office and representatives of all flood affected communities on June 10 to discuss new and existing flood recovery funding opportunities.
- Mayor Regenia Bailey and Jeff Davidson will participate in a flood recovery panel discussion with representatives from the University of Iowa and Coralville at the KXIC radio station on Friday, June 12 @ 6 pm.