



CITY OF IOWA CITY MEMORANDUM

06-25-09

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Date: June 25, 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.
- Work with staff to develop the applications for I-JOBS Funding.
- Held pre-construction meeting for the Iowa Avenue Inverted Siphon Sewer Project.
- Met with Corps of Engineers to discuss the Section 14 riverbank repair project along Dubuque Street downstream from the Park Road Bridge.
- Flood repair plans have been submitted to the DOT for the Highway 6 Bridge, Highway 1 Bridge and North Riverside Drive.
- Met with the University of Iowa to discuss their Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Working 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 City Hazard Mitigation Plan committee to discuss the latest draft.
- 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.
- Discussion of a volunteer clean-up effort of the property purchased from the Park View Church.
- Developing the plans and specifications for the demolitions in regards to the HMGP Buyout homes.

Water Division

- Continued replacing meters in flooded areas (Idyllwild & Parkview Terrace) – in-house project – (8 left in Idyllwild and 8 left in Park View Terrace)
- 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. If the permanent repair can proceed in a timely manner we may forgo the temporary repair.
 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. A proposal for the Geo-Technical Study has is being review by staff. Borings in the Iowa River at the Old Plant and Hwy 6 will be scheduled upon review completion. 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 continue to wait for 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
 - A Draft of the Hazard Mitigation report from Howard R. Green is being reviewed by PW staff. Comments will be shared and incorporated for the final report.
 - The HRG Hazard Mitigation report will demark the projects covered by FEMA funding and those that will need other funding. We will work with Steve Long to identify funding for additional Hazard Mitigation Projects.

Planning and Community Development

- Staff has assisted 70 households and working with approximately 10 additional income eligible households to distribute a total of \$1.6 million in state and federal funds for housing rehabilitation/repair, interim mortgage assistance and downpayment assistance.
- Planning staff is beginning to screen homeowners whose incomes are above 150% so that they can receive assistance with housing repair through Community Disaster Grants.
- In early July, staff will be applying for additional state funds for housing rehabilitation/repair in State Jumpstart 3 dollars in early July.
- The first group of the acquisition projects submitted to FEMA for the duplication of benefits review was received this week. The first five homes will be acquired for the HMGP (buyout) program on Monday, June 29 and Tuesday, June 30. Demolition has to occur within 90 days of closing.
- The Community Foundation of Johnson County originally allocated \$57,000 to assist flood-affected homeowners with mortgage and rental assistance, with City staff in charge of administering the program. Eventually, 24 families were assisted with \$57,501.98 with many others still waiting for help. Due to the continued need, the Community Foundation approved another funding allocation not to exceed \$39,000. To date we have assisted 13 families with \$34,477.19, with 1 household still to be assisted with this allocation. The total amount of assistance has been \$91,979.17 for 37 families.
- 53 applications were received for the Single-Family New Homes program. We have funding for acquisition assistance for 40 new homes so a drawing was held on Monday, June 22 at Noon in Emma Harvat Hall to pick the homeowners and to set the priority for the homeowners to choose their home. Mike O'Donnell, Mayor Pro Tem, drew the numbers out of a bingo style machine to determine the applicant priority for choosing a home and to determine which applicants may be eligible for the acquisition assistance.
- Doug Ongie attended a workshop on the application process for I-JOBS funding in Bettendorf on Tuesday, June 23. The applications must be submitted by to the state by August 3rd. The funding would assist with the costs of relocating the Wastewater Treatment Plant, building Fire Station #4 and assisting with the construction of affordable housing at the city-owned site across from the old St. Patrick's church site.
- Doug Ongie attended the Long-Term Recovery Committee case management meeting on Friday, June 19.

- Staff will submit a CDBG public infrastructure grant application next week to elevate the intersection of Normandy Drive and Manor Drive.
- Staff participated in a conference call on Wednesday, June 24 with staff from the Rebuild Iowa Office, the Iowa Dept. of Economic Development and representatives from the COGs and flood affected entitlement cities to discuss the flood recovery process and funding regulations
- The City began taking applications for the Business Rental Assistance Program (BRAP) on April 16. This program will assist businesses who pay rent in formerly flooded buildings with 6 months of lease payments. Last week HUD gave their approval to the State for the program so we should have our grant contracts from the state shortly. As soon as we have signed contracts, we can begin preparing contract documents and checks for qualified applicants. To date, we have 38 applications for a total of \$646,000.
- When the BRAP program begins, we will have assisted 74 businesses to date. Of the 74 business, 74% participated in only one of the 3 programs, 16% in 2 programs and 10% in all 3 programs.

IOWA CITY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
TUESDAY, June 16, 2009

LOBBY CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL

Members Present: Dianne Day, Dell Briggs, Yolanda Spears, Eric Kusiak, Martha Lubaroff.

Staff Present: Stefanie Bowers.

Others Present: Theresa Dervrich.

Call to Order

Briggs called the meeting to order at 18:06 p.m.

Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

Recommendations to Council (Become effective only after separate Council action)

Consideration of the Minutes of the May 19, 2009 Meeting

Motion: Day, seconded Kusiak. Minutes approved 5-0.

Attendance

Commissioners discussed amending the bylaws to allow for the recommendation of removal of a Commissioner if so many meetings are missed whether the absence was excused or unexcused.

July 4 Parade

Commissioners Gathua, Abussia, Day and Kusiak will be the representatives of the Commission for the parade. Bowers will notify each of any last minute updates about the parade.

Mission Statement

Commissioners made additional changes to the mission statement.

Breakfast Keynote Selection

The Commissioners ranked their top three choices of speakers for the breakfast this fall. Bowers will contact to see if speaker is available.

Programming 2009

The *Civil Society* program will be continued in the fall and be more accessible to the community. Day, Spears, Kusiak will assist with the *Diversity Dialogues* to be held on June 22 and June 29. Bowers mentioned a *Lunch and Learn* being held in July that is co-sponsored by the Domestic Violence and Intervention Program. *Diversity in the Corridor* will also be held in July, Lubaroff and Kusiak will introduce the speaker.

Reports of Commissioners

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 19:04. Motion: Lubaroff, seconded by Day. Passed: 5-0.