



CITY OF IOWA CITY MEMORANDUM

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Date: July 2, 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.
- Contractor started to work on the Iowa Avenue Inverted Siphon Sewer Project.
- Flood repair plans have been submitted to the DOT for the Highway 6 Bridge, Highway 1 Bridge and North Riverside Drive.
- Met with the Water Division and Howard R. Green Company 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.
- Contract with MMS Consultants approved for the design of the levee along Baculis and Thatcher Mobile Home Parks and Commercial Court was approved.

Water

- 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 been review by staff and preparations are being made to complete borings in the Iowa River at the Old Plant and Hwy 6 River crossing locations. 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 has been reviewed by PW staff. Comments will be forwarded to HRG this week for incorporation in 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

- Doug Ongie attended the Long Term Recovery Committee meeting on June 30, 2009 and the Case Management Subcommittee meeting on June 26.
- Staff participated in a conference call on Friday, June 26 with staff from the Iowa Department of Economic Development on the Duplication of Benefits (DOB) and Federal Award Determination Examination (FADE) processes for the Jumpstart Federal Housing Assistance Program.
- David Purdy and Mayor Bailey attended the I-Jobs Board of Directors meeting in Cedar Rapids on June 29th.
- Staff is preparing four grant applications for I-Jobs funding -- relocating the Wastewater Treatment Plant, building Fire Station #4, constructing affordable housing at the city-owned site across from the old St. Patrick's church site and additional Jumpstart housing repair/rehabilitation funds for flood affected homeowners.
- Eight homes were acquired on June 30th, seven as part of the HMGP acquisition program and one through the Community Disaster Grants program. Legal and Community Development staff are working through the duplication of benefits procedure with FEMA before acquiring the remaining homes.
- A \$1.2 million CDBG grant application to elevate the Normandy Drive/Manor Drive intersection to one foot above the 100-year floodplain level was submitted to the Iowa Department of Economic Development on June 29th.