



CITY OF IOWA CITY MEMORANDUM

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DATE: July 30, 2009
TO: City Council
FROM: Rick Fosse, Director of Public Works
Jeff Davidson, Director of Planning and Community Development
RE: Update: Flood-related activities

Planning and Community Development

- A letter was mailed on July 15th to 71 property owners in Parkview Terrace to determine interest in the non-HMGP eligible CDBG funded buyout program. We received a total of 54 surveys and 40 property owners are interested in the buyout program. The grant application will be submitted to the Iowa Department of Economic Development on July 31.
- HUD has approved IDED's budget for the Business Rental Assistance Program. The CDBG contracts are being sent to the lead cities and COGs this week.
- Ten homes have been acquired through the HMGP program and two homes have been acquired through the Community Disaster Grant program. City Attorney and Planning Staff continue to close on homes in the HMGP program. Hearings are being scheduled for those in the HMGP buy-out program that want to appeal their offer amount.
- Planning and JCCOG Staff continue to apply for I-Jobs and CDBG Supplemental Disaster Grants. The details of those grant applications were described at the July 27th Council work session.
- Staff applied for I-Jobs funds to be used for housing rehabilitation (Jumpstart 3) on July 7 and we found out this week that the City was awarded \$997,972 in funds to be used to bring all State Jumpstart 2 recipients to \$24,999 in assistance. Once all of the Jumpstart 2 households have received at least \$24,999 in assistance, then funding will be used to bring these households up to \$50,000 so the level of assistance is equal to households that received State Jumpstart 1 funding. This funding will also be used to aid households that are over 150% area median income and have not received Jumpstart funding. Households over 150% of area median income will receive up to \$24,999.

Engineering and Public Works Administration

- Working with staff to develop the applications for the Community Disaster Grants.
- Working with staff to develop the applications for I-JOBS Funding.
- Working with staff to develop the applications for CDBG Funding.

- Contractor working on the Iowa Avenue Inverted Siphon Sewer Project.
- Flood repair projects for the Highway 6 Bridge, Highway 1 Bridge and North Riverside Drive were bid in the July 21st DOT letting.
- Met with the Water Division and Howard R. Green Company to determine repair and replacement plans for the Iowa River water main crossings. Terracon performing soil borings.
- Working with the Iowa DOT to reallocate the FHWA emergency repairs funds for Park Road Bridge and Dubuque Street to the elevation Project.
- Reviewing the University of Iowa Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan.
- 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. Special council meetings have been scheduled.
- Staff is preparing for the first round of demolitions to occur. This is required to be completed by September 28th for seven of the nine homes purchased.
- Contract with MMS Consultants approved for the design of the levee along Baculis and Thatcher Mobile Home Parks and Commercial Court was approved.
- The City technical advisory committee met to discuss the relocation of the North Waste Water Plant.

Water Division

- Continued replacing meters in flooded areas (Idyllwild & Parkview Terrace) – only 5 left.
- Continued working with Engineering & Howard R. Green (HRG) 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. Terracon, has completed soil and bed rock borings on the banks and in the Iowa River. This data will supplement the completion of the geotechnical study by HRG.

3. Upon completion of the study FEMA will complete the PW and Hazard Mitigation to replace both river crossings
- The PW and Hazard Mitigation Plan for CW 3, CW 4, SW 4 and the respective electrical systems was 'obligated' by FEMA this week. The available funding will be incorporated into the HRG Hazard Mitigation Study. Projects can now be designed and completed in the Peninsula well field.
 - A Draft of the Hazard Mitigation report from Howard R. Green has been reviewed by PW staff. Comments and the FEMA funding will be incorporated in the final report.
 - Additional funding request for hazard mitigation for plant site well houses will be submitted through Steve Long in mid August.