CITY OF IOWA CITY
MEMORANDUM

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Date: October 8, 2009

To: City Council

From: Director of Public Works
Director of Planning and Community Development

Re: Update: Flood-related activities

Engineering and Public Works Administration

- The contractor is working on the Iowa Avenue Inverted Siphon Sewer Project. One pipe has been installed. The other two pipes are ready to be installed.

- The Iowa City Hazard Mitigation Plan has been reviewed by FEMA Region 7. The plan has been approved but will need public comment and final approval by Council.

- The Project Partnering Agreement has been sent to the Army Corps of Engineers for the Section 14 Iowa River Bank Stabilization along Dubuque Street downstream from the Park Road Bridge. The plans and specifications are being developed by the Army Corps of Engineers. DNR is requiring a mussel survey be completed.

- Staff has submitted the application for TIGER Funding for the Park Road Bridge and Dubuque Street Project.

- D. W. Zinser Company has removed nine of the nine structures for the demolition project.

- MMS Consultants has completed the survey necessary for the design of the levee along Baculis and Thatcher Mobile Home Parks and Commercial Court was approved. They will also be pursuing the redelineation of the floodway by FEMA in this area. The preliminary alignment has been identified.

- Working with staff to develop the applications for the Community Disaster Grants.

- Working with staff to develop the applications for CDBG Funding.

- Working with staff to develop the application for TIGER Funding for the Park Road Bridge and Dubuque Street Project.

- 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 of a volunteer clean-up effort of the property purchased from the Park View Church.

- The City technical advisory committee met to discuss the relocation of the North Waste Water Plant.

Water Division

- Continued working with Engineering & Howard R. Green (HRG) for design and schedule on replacing two 12" river crossing repairs (Old Plant and Hwy 6)
    1. HRG will provide design, specifications bid documents and inspection for the two projects.
        1. A meeting was held with FEMA, Engineering, and Deb Mansfield to discuss the status of the project and hand off the FEMA guidance and tracking responsibility to different staff on 9-23-09.
        2. A consultant agreement with HRG which includes a scope of services to design, bid, and inspection of the installation of the two 12" water mains was approved by Council on 10-6-09.
        3. A request for an extension of the schedule of this project was submitted through Deb Mansfield to FEMA to June 2010.

- The HRG Hazard Mitigation Study is complete.
    1. Projects and cost estimates from this report were used to define the scope and cost estimates for the Peninsula well field site and will be used to apply for additional mitigation funding.

- The PW and Hazard Mitigation Plan for CW 3, CW 4, SW 4, JW 2 and the respective electrical systems has been 'obligated' by FEMA.

- We are awaiting a draft design, bid, and inspection contract for the Hazard Mitigation projects for CW 3, CW 4, SW4, JW 2 and the respective electrical systems from HRG by the end of this week. A request for extension of these projects will be submitted through Deb Mansfield to FEMA with the proposed schedule from the HRG contract.

- The HRG Hazard Mitigation Study is being used for additional funding request for hazard mitigation for plant site well houses. We are currently working with Dave Purdy.
    1. We have submitted information to FEMA for the Benefit Cost Analysis to ascertain our eligibility and are awaiting the results.

- We worked with Deb Mansfield to continue the documentation of all Water Division FEMA (Public Assistance) Projects.

Planning and Community Development

- PCD staff is developing a public input process which will be implemented if the CDBG Public Infrastructure levee projects are funded. We hope to hear on that funding by the end of October.

- We continue to negotiate with the Elks Club for acquisition of their flood prone property.

- We have responded to requests from the public for information about the pending Hazard Mitigation Plan.

- PCD staff has been invited by the UI to participate in the October 12 Hancher/Voxman/Clapp public forum.

- The Business Rental Assistance Program (BRAP), which provides six months of rental assistance (up to $50,000) for business renting formerly flooded commercial properties, has had 49 applications requesting a total of $785,800. Most of the applications have been processed and approved, while six are still pending. The program is still open and businesses who qualify are still encouraged to apply.

- Between the three programs the Economic Development Division has administered for business flood recovery, 79 small businesses have been assisted with a total of $1.98 million, to date.

- Two properties in Parkview Terrace were acquired by the City in the last week, which brings the total number of homes acquired to 19. Out of the 19 homes that have been acquired, 17 homes have been purchased in the HMGP program and 2 in the Community Disaster Grant Program.

- Staff continues to review Jumpstart applications for disbursing State Jumpstart 2 and State Jumpstart 3 funding. A total of 63 flood-impacted residential households have been assisted with State Jumpstart funding and 18 households with Federal Jumpstart funding.