



CITY OF IOWA CITY MEMORANDUM

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Date: May 28, 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.
- Iowa Avenue Sewer Crossing bids received. Low bidder is Judds Brothers Construction from Lincoln, NE.
- Drafting letter to request the Army Corps of Engineers to conduct a reconnaissance study for multiple projects along the Iowa River.
- Developing plans for the repair of flood damaged infrastructure.
- Met with FEMA regarding the status of the Iowa River water main crossings.
- The electrical repair at Boys Baseball Electrical Repair is out to bid.
- The electrical repair at Riverside Festival Stage is being complete.
- Met with EDA in regards to the Park Road / Dubuque Street and Wastewater Applications.

Water Division

- Continued replacing meters in flooded areas (Idyllwild & Parkview Terrace) – in-house project – (just a 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.
 2. FEMA has completed the PW for the temporary repair
 3. FEMA is working on 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.
 1. An updated PW and Hazard Mitigation Plan is being created with FEMA for CW 3, CW 4, & SW 4 – a meeting with FEMA is scheduled for Thursday (5-28-09) for final review
- Hazard Mitigation report from Howard R. Green is expected to be complete by early June.
- Continuing to work with Steve Long to identify funding for additional Hazard Mitigation Projects.

Streets Division

- Pavement repair/replacement on Commercial Drive (PW# 6753).
- Pavement repair/replacement on Normandy Drive (PW# 6576).

Planning and Community Development:

- Staff distributed an additional \$35,000 to two households this week from State Jumpstart 2 funds and anticipates having funds distributed to all eligible households within the next few weeks.
- Staff is working with the Long Term Recovery Committee to assess households at various levels of recovery.
- Staff continues to coordinate with University and neighborhood representatives to observe the one-year anniversary of the floods
- The city has made offers to 14 homeowners in the HMGP acquisition program. The receipts for repairs will be sent to FEMA for review. Once FEMA supplies the city with the unduplicated repair amounts, the city can schedule closing on these properties. The remaining offers will be sent to homeowners next week.
- On May 22nd Iowa City received their Community Disaster Funds check for \$2.5 million. The city will be acquiring their first non- HMGP eligible property in the 100 year flood plain on May 29th.
- Applications became available for the State funded Single Family New Construction Unit Production Program on Tuesday, May 26th. The City was awarded \$2,282,393 to provide acquisition assistance to 40 homebuyers who will then work with one of six approved builders of newly constructed homes that will be energy efficient and accessible. The \$2,282,393 will leverage an additional \$4,917,607 for a total project cost of \$7,200,000. The intent of the program is to replace homes lost during the flood and priority is given to those affected by the flood. The Housing Trust Fund of Johnson County is administering the program for the City. More information can be found at www.icgov.org/newhomes
- There are 34 applications requesting approximately \$500,000 for the Business Rental Assistance Program. The State is still waiting on HUD's approval of the program. When that happens, we will get a contract with the State for this program and be able to begin awarding funds.
- For the Jumpstart Small Business Disaster Recovery program, which closed on April 15, we had 56 total applications. 51 were funded for a total of \$1,241,288.
- Immediately after the flood, we partnered with the Chamber of Commerce and Coralville to award businesses up to \$5,000 for flood clean up expenses. We awarded 18 businesses a total of \$74,432.
- The latest allocation from the Community Foundation of Johnson County (managed by City staff) has assisted 11 families with slightly over \$29,000 in mortgage/rental assistance.