



CITY OF IOWA CITY MEMORANDUM

Date: January 16, 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

- Invitations mailed for neighborhood meetings to discuss flood recovery and mitigation:
 - Parkview Terrace Neighborhood: January 22nd, 7:00 pm at the Water Plant
 - Idyllwild Neighborhood: January 29th, 7:00 pm at the Water Plant
- Attended the January 10th Parkview Terrace neighborhood meeting at which the Corps was the guest speaker.
- Met with FEMA regarding our ongoing flood recovery and federal reimbursement.
- Developing concept statements for FHWA repair projects
- Evaluating the damage assessment of the Iowa River Power Dam

Water

- Continued to replace meters in areas that had been flooded – Idyllwild & Parkview, etc.
- Worked with HRG to complete Hazard Mitigation contract.
- Made contact with Hank Manning, IDED, regarding CDBG funding...reviewing application procedure.

Wastewater

Sewer Crew work this week:

- Finished cleaning the Benton Street siphon and Ralston Creek siphon – both are good.

Plant Maintenance Crew work this week:

- Finalizing repairs to 8 flow meters at the North Plant – 3 have been working; expect 3 finished today, 2 more in the next few weeks when parts arrive.
- Finishing Sludge Pump Bldg. lights replacement
- Continued with repair of HVAC system pneumatic and electric control defect discovery and repair

Additional items to complete:

- Finish work on Valve Actuators in Sludge Pump Bldg. – 2 out of 5 remain to be done.
- Complete installation of 2 water heaters
- Install 2 air conditioners at North Admin
- Finish repair of grinder controls – 2 out of 3 remain
- Repair Influent wet well float alarms
- Bar Screen gate actuator repairs – 1 out of 2 remain
- Troubleshoot and repair #2 old Secondary Clarifier - trips out.
- Troubleshoot and repair Recirculation Station VFD - trips out
- Complete repairs of Humus Pump Station
- Complete duct and heat exchanger clean up
- Remove old Admin Bldg. boiler
- Relocate River Street Stormwater Station controls – higher elevation
- Convert West Park Lift station to submersible pump system
- Install Iowa Ave. siphon flow monitor system
- Replace Iowa Ave. Siphon system

Planning and Community Development

- The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Acquisition application (726 pages) for \$11,592,681 to acquire 40 homes was submitted to Iowa Homeland Security on January 13, 2009. Iowa Homeland Security changed the requested format of the property section. This delayed the submittal date a couple of days. The deadline for cities to submit the grant is the end of January.
- Jeff Davidson reviewed Sasaki's summary report on the Stanley flood mitigation options report.
- Currently working with 41 of the 124 applicants for state and federal Jumpstart funds. All of the Jumpstart State funds (\$686,196) have been committed and approximately \$555,000 in Jumpstart federal funds have been committed.

- Jumpstart Iowa Business Summary
 - 40 applicants
 - 37 approved totaling \$981,286 in loans
 - 1/13/09, the city has distributed 31 checks totaling \$827,536
 - 6 applicants must still complete their applications before dispersal—totaling \$153,750
 - 2% administration cost of \$19,625
 - Grand Total including admin. cost: \$1,000,911.81

- Community Foundation currently has \$57,000 earmarked for mortgage/rental payment assistance. Checks have been issued or are imminent for issue this week to 14 households, committing over \$38,000. There are a number of families for which we are awaiting confirmation of payment amounts, with hopes of assisting them and expending the remaining funds.