

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Inland Wetlands Agency on September 7, 2011.

A. Roll Call

Present: Cathy Collins, Jim Connors, Ken Cowden, Michael DeGrego, Jon Higgins, Justin Margeson, Steve Munson and Lynne McNamee.

Absent: Alan Cegan and Sally Lee.

McNamee called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and deemed DeGrego the voting alternate.

B. Pledge

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Public Comments

None.

D. Old Business

- 1. IW-A-11-021: Cascade Boulevard, Garden Homes Management** – proposed construction of a 36 unit multifamily rental building within 100' of a wetland or watercourse in the South Central Shoreline Watershed.

MaryRose reported that this is an application by Garden Homes Management for a 36-unit multifamily rental building with associated grading, stormwater treatment and parking within 100' of a wetland in the South Central Shoreline Watershed. It is a 3.66 Acres site that has 2.53 acres of inland wetlands.

The IWA has hired LandTech Consultants to review the project and we can expect their report prior to the 9/21/11 meeting. Mr. Freedman has granted the Agency an extension, the review period will now expire on 10/8/11.

MaryRose emailed the Fire Department asking them to review and comment on a digital set of plans for the site. They have requested a full size set of plans which Steven Trinkaus is sending to them.

MaryRose visited the site on 9/6 during a rain event and walked the site with Tom Ryder of LandTech Consultants and will visit the site again on Friday and the LandTech report is to follow.

If the Agency members have any questions that they would like answered by the applicant or his consultants please get them to me and I will forward them to the applicant so that they can have answers for you at the next meeting.

E. Minutes

McNamee proposed the following amendment to the 8/17/11 minutes in the Chairman's Report: *McNamee noted Frank Goodrich and Ed Mead's presence, and apologized for not noting Goodrich's attendance at the previous meeting. MaryRose and McNamee have met with Emmeline and Ed Mead regarding the Plan of Conservation and Development...*

A motion was made by Connors, seconded by Munson to approve the minutes of 8/17/11 as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Subcommittee Reports

- Bylaws, Regulations & Procedures committee. Margeson reported that they met on 8/25/11, work continues and the next meeting will be on 9/8/11 at 2pm.
- Communications & Education committee. Collins reported that they will be working on a meeting date.
- Commissioners' Training committee. Cowden reported that they are waiting for clarification on what they can talk about from the City Attorney's office.

G. Staff Report

- The office has been busy with inquiries and complaints following the rain events these past few weeks. I have also been assisting with phone calls from folks who will need to rebuild or repair their homes due to Hurricane Irene.
- The Westmore Road mitigation project is ongoing – they have hired a licensed herbicide applicator to spray the knot weed as recommended by the ACOE. They are just waiting for it to reach optimal height to spray it.
- West Ave Sewer Fucci Construction is complete; awaiting asbuilt
- East Broadway pump station project is ongoing.
- East Broadway interceptor is ongoing.
- Subway parking lot expansion is ongoing.
- Prospect Falls is ongoing.
- CVS is ongoing.
- West Avenue and Gulf Pond pump station projects are ongoing.
- Indian River Interceptor bid has been awarded and the project will be starting in a few weeks.

Please remember to call or email me if you are unable to attend a meeting.

H. Chairman's Report

At the last meeting copies of the Plan of conservation and Development were distributed. McNamee and MaryRose have met with Emmeline Harrigan, the Assistant City Planner, and Ed Mead, the P & Z liaison, to review the existing plan and propose any changes for the new plan. The plan is a blueprint for what people want to see in the City over the next 10 years. McNamee would like any ideas or input for the plan. She asked board members to review the plan and email MaryRose any input. Munson asked if there was a timeframe. McNamee stated that she would like input for the next meeting in order to invite Emmeline of Planning & Zoning to the meeting to review/discuss any input.

MaryRose stated that input from various agencies has not been sought before and this is a good opportunity. Collins asked about input discussions to date. McNamee stated that vernal pools, low impact design, updating language, maps, what impacts are there and ways to communicate have been topics discussed. MaryRose stated that connective open space for greenway paths, parks, trails, etc. have also been discussed.

The next regular meeting will be on 9/21/11.

A moment of silence was taken in memory of 9/11.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Streit

These minutes have not been accepted or approved.