



City of Harrisonburg Stormwater Advisory Committee

Minutes: Meeting No. 07
August 6, 2014 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Members in attendance: Kathy Holm, Bill Jones, William Latham, Daniel Michael, Ted Byrd, and J.M. Snell, and Eldon Kurtz.

Staff/Other in attendance: Thanh Dang, Carolyn Howard, Harsit Patel, Tom Hartman, Dan Ruble, John McGehee, and John Eckman.

Review and Adopt Minutes

Bill Jones called for a motion to adopt the July 2014 SWAC meeting minutes. J.M. motioned and Daniel seconded, the motion passed.

Public Comment

Bill Jones voiced a sanitation concern about refuse trucks leaving a trail of liquid behind in some areas of the city. Harsit acknowledged the concern and offered to do an audit of the areas and follow up to ensure that all drains and equipment on the trucks was operating properly.

Updated Stormwater Utility Fee Revenue Projections

Staff reviewed the Stormwater Utility Proposed Revenue spreadsheet, and the SWAC briefly discussed.

Stormwater Utility Ordinance

Committee and staff made suggestions referring to the draft Stormwater Utility Ordinance. Examples such as clarification of definitions and language, utility fee billing methodology, and to the decision to round billing units to the nearest whole number will all be added to the Word document through the track changes feature. Staff will meet with the City Attorney to review the ordinance.

The SWAC will receive an updated ordinance by August 27th for final review before the committee makes a recommendation to city council to take the ordinance and stormwater utility fee information to the public for input.

FAQ Review

The SWAC had been given the opportunity via email to make corrections, comments or revisions to the FAQ document. After a brief discussion, it was suggested staff add a question/answer about when pervious surfaces become saturated.

General Questions / Discussion

The committee discussed presenting an update to City Council on Tuesday, September 23rd, followed by two public input meetings. (Note: After this meeting, it was determined that to provide the SWAC and staff time to develop educational materials, the meetings will be held in November with dates and locations to be announced.) Some brief discussion on meeting format offered.

The committee is encouraged to make the recommendation at the September SWAC meeting to present the draft stormwater utility ordinance to City Council on Tuesday, September 23rd for approval to host the public input meetings in the Fall. The SWACs goal is to present the stormwater utility ordinance to City Council in February for their consideration to adopt.

Next Steps / Assignments

SWAC members were asked to send the dates they were NOT available by Friday, August 8th.

SWAC members were asked to send final comments on the Stormwater Utility Ordinance by Tuesday, August 12th.

The next SWAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 3rd.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.