



Storm Water Advisory Team – SWAT

July 21, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Central Office Complex - 3363 West Park Place, Pensacola, FL 32505

In Attendance:

Committee: Mary Gutierrez, Glenn Niblock, Phil Turner, Garrett Walton, & John Cheney. **Absent:** Dr. Elizabeth Benchley & Nathan White

Staff: Colby Brown, Chips Kirschenfeld

Public: Jim Waite, Christian Wagley, Barbara Albrecht, Michael Langston

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- **Welcome** – Chairman Mary Gutierrez
 - Chairman Gutierrez called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.
 - **Proof of Publication** – Ms. Gutierrez verified with staff that the meeting had been advertised on 7 /11/15 and 7/18/15 in the Pensacola News Journal.
 - **Approval of 06-16-15 Minutes** - Ms. Gutierrez called for approval of the June 16, 2015 minutes. Mr. Niblock requested one minor change on page 3, in the fifth paragraph; to replace “environmental impact” with “comparative”. Mr. Cheney made a motion to approve; the motion was seconded by Mr. Turner and carried unanimously.
 - **City of Pensacola Stormwater Management Changes**
 - Ms. Gutierrez brought to the SWAT’s attention that the City of Pensacola, in recent meetings, has made changes to their stormwater policies and procedures. This information has been added to the White Paper.
 - **Whaley Avenue – City of Pensacola**
 - Ms. Gutierrez presented, for general information, that she had attended a recent City Council meeting where stormwater issues were discussed. Ms. Gutierrez raised questions regarding the Whaley Avenue property, including whether it was located in one of the sub basins and what type of

mediation was taken. She stated that she was satisfied with how the city and county are responding to these types of stormwater issues.

- Colby Brown stated that this was a localized sub basin within the city limits and that he had a discussion with Derrik Owens, City Engineer, regarding the Whaley Avenue area, and that the proposed work was primarily surface work to address erosion and rehabilitation of the area from a subsurface perspective.

- **Old Business**

- Draft Stormwater White Paper Updates & Comments
- Chairman Gutierrez reviewed her comments related to the white paper changes requested in the June meeting:
 - Change Low Impact Development to Low Impact Design in the Executive Summary and consistently throughout the document.
 - Use the LID acronym only once.
 - Expand the definition of daylighting as it relates to the White Paper. Chairman Gutierrez will submit a paragraph to Colby Brown to be included.
 - Check dates throughout the document (page 5, change April 29, 2015, to April 29, 2014; page 8, change December 2015 to December 2014 twice.)
 - Address specific District numbers.
 - The city needs assessment list is being added to the White Paper.
 - Expand Basin Studies to include the city basin studies in the White Paper and reference the city's web address.
 - Ensure that city and county archeological projects are added.
 - Page 8, change grass roofs to green roofs.
 - Include comments regarding city/county collaboration.
- Mr. Turner requested that a city council district map be included. Colby Brown said he would check on acquiring the map.
- Mr. Niblock noted that he had seen much improvement in the document. Using highlighted pages from the draft White Paper, he suggested that recommendations be summarized and then allow for additional reading using links to expanded information.

- **Public Comments**

- Ms. Barbara Albrecht, (1528 E. Brainerd Street, Pensacola), inquired as to the total cost for all identified projects; and if these projects have been prioritized. Mr. Brown responded that a combined total had not been generated and that the projects have been prioritized.

- **Other Items for Consideration**

- August 13th, 2015, Committee of the Whole Presentation of Final White Paper
 - Mr. Brown reviewed the SWAT schedule, including deadlines, and briefly discussed the presentation of the Final White Paper to the Committee of the Whole on August 13, 2015.
- Ms. Gutierrez then opened the floor for questions.
- Mr. Niblock asked how to go about and who is in charge of obtaining funding for the high priority projects, and if a funding discussion could be added to the agenda of a future meeting. Colby Brown and Chips Kirschenfeld both briefed the SWAT on available funding sources such as: Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies Act (RESTORE), National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), Emergency Watershed Program (EWP), and the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).
- Ms. Gutierrez inquired about the length of service of the SWAT. Mr. Brown responded that the resolution did define the goal of the committee and that the Board of County Commissioners would ultimately need to sunset the committee. He suggested that the August Committee of the Whole would be a good time to discuss this issue.

- **Adjourn**

- Having no further questions, Chairman Gutierrez called to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m.