City of Cedar Rapids
Flood Control System Committee Minutes
City Hall – Training Room
Thursday, October 1, 2015
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Present: Council members Ann Poe (Chair), Justin Shields, Pat Shey (phone)
Sandi Fowler, Assistant City Manager – Development Services; Rob Davis, Flood
Control Program Manager; Sandy Pumphrey, Project Engineer II

Absent: Mayor Ron Corbett

Meeting called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Council member Poe.

Council member Shey moved to approve the meeting minutes from the June 17, 2015 Flood
Control System Committee meeting. Motion seconded by Council member Shields. Motion
passed.

Rob Davis presented the FY16 Flood Control System Plan to the Committee. The presentation is
located in the packet. As part of that plan, public involvement events occurred throughout the summer
to review the Flood Control System Master Plan. Work is moving forward on priority low lying areas
of growth, including Czech Village and NewBo. This will include demolition of the buildings and
removal of the foundations at the Sinclair site, removal and relocation of utilities in Czech Village and
NewBo, and the construction of the 10th Avenue Pump Station. Staff is working with the FTA to
release interest in Lot 44 so a portion of the lot can be used for flood control, leaving half of the lot for
parking. Staff will return to the committee regarding recommendations that will result in anywhere
from 50-80% of the Sinclair site to be used for flood control. To help manage this work, a two year
construction plan will be developed to use as a roadmap. Staff continues to submit grants for work
related to the system and will keep a running log of submissions and results.

Rob Davis presented the East Side Flood Control System dry side drainage design. The presentation is
located in the packet. Staff will be presenting a pump station policy at a future meeting; however, they
will proceed with the 10th Avenue Pump Station at this time because the size of the pumps at that
location will not be affected by the policy. He noted that the pump sizes at that location are consistent
with the Army Corps of Engineers.

Rob Davis announced staff is currently working with HR Green on aligning their CIP contracts and
bid schedule.

Sandy Pumphrey presented the Aesthetic Guidelines policy as an amendment to the Flood Control
System Master Plan. The policy is a framework for designers and will help designs stay consistent
through the multiple years of flood control system construction. There will be primary elements that
will incorporate similar design pieces throughout the project including trails, wall designs, railings,
and trail markers. Secondary elements will support the primary elements though color, texture, and
material including benches, bike racks and trash bins. An Aesthetics Guidelines Committee will be
comprised of both design teams and City staff to will review and make recommendations in alignment
with the policy to City Council. Art elements will be reviewed and approved by the Visual Arts Commission. Council member Ann Poe suggested the committee include the Historic Preservation Commission when they review designs for historic areas of town such as Czech Village.

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
April Wing
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