City of Cedar Rapids  
Flood Control System Committee  
Council Chambers – City Hall  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, June 18, 2019  
10:00 am – 11:00 am

Present: Committee Council members: Tyler Olson (Chair) and Marty Hoeger  
Sandi Fowler (Deputy City Manager), Nate Kampman (City Engineer), Scott Hock (Parks & Recreation Director), Jennifer Pratt (Community Development Director), Kevin Ciabatti (Building Services Director), April Wing (City Program Manager), Emily Breen, (Development Services Communications Coordinator), Debbie O’Meara (Administrative Assistant I)

Meeting called to order at 10:02 am by Council member Olson.

Committee unanimously approved the October 2, 2018 meeting minutes and the January 17, 2019 meeting minutes with no comments added.

Nate Kampman presented the Flood Control System Financial Report. Submitted and discussed was a summary of projected versus actual Iowa Flood Mitigation Program revenue. The City is approved to receive up to $269M in sales tax revenues from the Iowa Flood Mitigation Program, for 2014-2033. Through first quarter 2019, the City has received $41.8M. Through 2018, the City received $5.5M less than the maximum potential of $44M for that same period. Taxes remitted from 2018 were a shortfall of $3M on a maximum potential of $13M. For 2019, the first quarter payment of $3M for 2019 is $513K higher than first quarter for 2018. Payments for remaining three quarters would need to total $12M to achieve the maximum potential $15M in payments for 2019. Second quarter payment would be scheduled for receipt in May. The majority of expenditures posted to April include design, Quaker floodwall construction costs, and Czech Village levee construction costs. Since April of 2014, $74.5M has been spent on flood control (includes both west of Cedar River and east of Cedar River).

Nate Kampman presented the Flood Control System Grant Submission Log. Submitted and discussed was a summary of grants submitted to date, totaling $9,279,140.92. No changes since the last meeting in January. At that meeting, the new item on the log was the FEMA flood hazard mitigation grant that was applied for the Five Downtown Gatewell Structures – still pending at this time and hope to hear soon on status.

Nate Kampman presented the Flood Control System (FCS) Donation and Partnership Logs. Submitted and discussed was a summary of the three-part report:

1. FCS Donation Log – through May 2019
   - This is a new category added for reporting purposes.
   - $50K donations to date for NW Gateway; most recent donation is from Pierson’s Flower Shop for Watering Northwest Gateway.
2. FCS Partnership Log – Contribution – through May 2019
   - Contribution amounts to date: $1,310,000
3. FCS Partnership Log – Privately Constructed Flood Control – Through May 2019
   - CRST, Inc. – Flood Wall/Pump Station at new CRST Headquarters – City Participation: $3.99M.
Nate Kampman presented the Cedar Rapids Flood Control System, Envision Award. The City of Cedar Rapids’ Cedar River Flood Control System in the New Bohemia/Sinclair District is the recent recipient of the Envision Bronze rating for sustainable infrastructure by the Institute of Sustainable Infrastructure. The Cedar Rapids project is the third infrastructure project in Iowa to achieve Envision recognition. Envision is a sustainability rating system similar to LEED for buildings. The system includes a self-assessment checklist, the Envision rating tool, a credential program for individuals, a project evaluation and verification program, and a recognition program for sustainable infrastructure. There are 60 sustainability criteria that fall under the five main categories, which are; Quality of Life, Leadership, Resource Allocation, Natural World, Climate and Risk.

Nate Kampman presented the Flood Control System East Side Projects and Public Outreach. The City has a project partnership agreement for east side of system with US Army Corps of Engineers, signed November 2018. This leverages federal funding, with a 5-year completion goal. East side projects starting 2019-2020 are Sinclair Pump Station, 16th Avenue Flood Gate, Lot 44 Pump Station & Levee, and 3rd Avenue Flood Gate. Sinclair and Lot 44 Pump Stations are already operational, adding two additional pumps. Importantly, work on west side of system continues.

Community outreach efforts have started and looking forward to continuing that. Many targeted meetings were held with businesses and property owners that are adjacent to the river. The meetings have been staff level; collecting information from them now, and letting them know what the tentative timeline is for the work to occur and sharing with them where the designs are at. In addition, had some scheduled outreach with the Partner Organizations we have, some of the community leaders, including: Downtown Parking Management Group, Economic Alliance Community Development Council, Rotary West, Kingston Square, Downtown SSMID, Cedar Rapids Main Street, and NewBo Czech Village SSMID. Using these opportunities to understand the uses these owners have around the flood control system, trying to key-in our design, and making sure, we are considering that input as we are moving forward with our design

Open Houses/Events held in June provided increased public outreach: June 1 – Farmers Market; June 5 – Visioning Workshop for Czech Village/NewBo; June 14 – Industry Day for Contractors; June 27 – Open House at Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance.

Nate Kampman presented two draft concept drawings of the 16th Avenue SE Roller Gate & Archway. The Roller Gate will be constructed in 2020, and the Archway to be installed with Masaryk Park reconstruction in 2021. Shaver Road NE & Trail at McLoud Run draft concept drawings were also presented.

Fall Open House plans are in process. More information this fall on a variety of west side concepts underway, i.e., Elevated O Avenue, E and F Avenue Reconfiguration, 8th Avenue Bridge and Riverfront Projects, Pump Station, Amphitheatre, Restroom.

No public comment.
The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 am.

Respectfully,

Debbie O’Meara
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Public Works