

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**  
**Stormwater and Flood Plain Oversight Committee Meeting**  
**June 11, 2015 7:00 p.m.**

**Downers Grove Public Works Facility**  
**5101 Walnut Avenue, Downers Grove, Illinois**

**I. CALL to ORDER**

Chair Gorman called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. A roll call followed and a quorum was established.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Chair Gorman, Mr. Civito, Mr. Crilly, Mr. Ruyle, Mr. Schoenberg, Mr. Wicklander

Members Absent: Mr. Scacco

Staff Present: Karen Daulton Lange, Stormwater Administrator

Public Present: Jo Potts, 216 Lincoln.

**III. APPROVAL of February 2, 1015 MINUTES**

Mr. Ruyle made a motion, seconded by Mr.Crilly, to approve the February 2, 2015 minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote of 6-0.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None at this part of the meeting.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Stormwater Utility Credit & Incentive Manual**

Staff gave a brief summary of conversations from Council to increase some of the incentives in the Manual. They will discuss further in the future in conjunction with the budget discussions.

**B. Stormwater Policies**

Chair Gorman has asked that the Committee be made aware of stormwater policies in Downers Grove. Staff directed the Committee to the Council link on the home page and on the right hand side there is a list of links to Village policies. The Cost Share Policy and Guide was distributed, along with Maintenance of Stormwater Control Structures and Creek Channels, Wetlands and Natural Stream Preservation, and Land/Property Floodplain Purchases. Chair Gorman reiterated it was important for the Committee members to be familiar with the policies so they understand the levels of service the Village provides. While some of the policies may be older, the understanding of them will help the Committee make recommendations to the Council on any potential changes.

### **C. Preliminary Floodplain Maps**

FEMA issued preliminary maps on June 3, 2015, to all communities in DuPage County. On Wednesday, July 29, 2015, the ISWS, on behalf of FEMA, is hosting an Open House meeting to present the newly produced digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) for DuPage County, Illinois and Incorporated Areas. Staff will attend.

In Downers Grove, approximately 600 parcels will be newly classified into floodplain and 400 parcels removed. The preliminary maps, while not regulatory yet, are being used as “Best Available Information”, which is a defined term that allows us to use the elevations now with reviews and permitting.

Staff partnered with the Village of Lisle to host a second Open House on the FEMA Preliminary Floodplain Maps this past Tuesday evening, giving our residents another opportunity to meet with staff to discuss the potential impacts of the new mapping.

The SW&FPOC looked over the printed floodplain maps that staff brought to the meeting. It was discussed that FEMA updates the maps every ten years or so, and these maps reflect newer modeling and survey information. It is Staff’s understanding that the modeling was done prior to the April 2013 floods, and staff has noticed that the Preliminary maps actually reflect to a great extent what was observed in the 2013 floods.

Mr. Ruyle asked about the Brookbank sewer being submerged; staff will investigate why it was designed this way.

Chair Gorman explained the Comment & Appeals period that would be forthcoming after the County hosts the Open House on July 29<sup>th</sup>. Staff explained they were looking through the list of Letter of Map Changes that have been superseded by FEMA with the preliminary maps and determining if we agree. Discussion ensued about LPDAs with regards to flood insurance and building regulations.

### **VI. STAFF REPORT**

See Attachment 1.

### **VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No further public comment.

### **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Civito inquired about the PCBMP net new impervious threshold of 700 SF that the Village adopted. Discussion regarding the methods to provide PCBMPs, such as dry wells, permeable pavers, rain gardens, etc. Staff stated that the PCBMP Manual is on the website on our Stormwater Management Page. Photos and typical details are included in the Manual.

#### **IV. ADJOURN**

Mr. Wicklander made a motion, seconded by Mr. Civito to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote of 6-0.

### Staff Report – Attachment 1 June 11, 2015

#### **A. HMGP**

Appraisals for the four homes in FP were received and reviewed with owners. They are in process of signing statement of voluntary interest and we are getting RFPs for title reports. Hope to close by August.

#### **B. New CFMs**

Susan Quasney, Staff Engineer in Public Works, and Julie Lomax, Development Engineer in Community Development, both passed the Certified Floodplain Managers (CFM) exam. The CFM is a national program for certifying floodplain managers. The exam measures a person's knowledge of a community's responsibilities under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and related floodplain management topics. The Village now has five CFMs: Karen Daulton Lange, Kerry Behr, Bill McClain, Susan and Julie. The designation gives confidence and enhances the knowledge we give to our residents when responding to inquiries on floodplain management and regulations,

#### **C. Stormwater Presentations**

The Stormwater Administrator made two presentations in May. The first to the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Sustainability Conference in Schaumburg on Village practices that further sustainability, and the second at the IAFSM Stormwater Utility Seminar in Chicago. Next week she will be addressing the 2015 Illinois Collection Systems Conference on the Downers Grove SWU.

#### **D. St. Joseph Creek Stream Corridor Assessment**

CBBEL has completed their inspection of the creek from Carpenter to the DGSD plant and will be preparing a report on the condition of the creek. The purpose of this project is to study and identify areas of St. Joseph's Creek that have seen streambank erosion infestation by invasive species, blockages and any other deficiencies that may need repair or restoration.

#### **E. Urban Flooding Awareness Act**

Last week U.S. Representative Mike Quigley (IL-05) and U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) introduced the bicameral Urban Flooding Awareness Act to address increased flooding in urban communities and to find solutions for the urban communities impacted. Over the past six months, staff participated in preliminary meetings hosted by IDNR to give input into the UFAA. These meetings were think-tank type of environment to explore the issues of urban flooding including review and evaluation of methods of identification of areas at risk for urban flooding, current policy, and procedures, recent research, best practices and identification of actions to prevent, fund, and control urban flooding.