

MINUTES
INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW ADVISORY BOARD
Oak View Library
April 6, 2011 8:30 a.m.

Members and Alternates Present

Mark Cotter, Chad Huwe, Jeff Schmitt, Steve VanBuskirk, Preston Mettler, Scott Hofer, Steve Brockmueller, Myron Adam, Tim Galbraith, Mark Vellinga and Pat Beckman

Members and Alternates Absent

Mike Cooper, Matt Carlson and Bill Kemmis

Others Present

Andy Berg, Kurt Peppel, Kerry Ellis, Jeff DesLauriers, LeMar VanHeuveln, Todd Anawski, Ray Pierson, Chad Hanisch, Brad Stangohr, Mike Kuno, Kim Buell, Paul Fick, Greg Jamison, Cynthia Monnin, Chuck Point, Kris Ronning and Clayton Jamison

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

A motion was made by Jeff Schmitt to approve the February 2, 2011 meeting minutes; the motion was seconded by Tim Galbraith. Roll call: Yeses-Cotter, Schmitt, VanBuskirk, Hofer, Brockmueller, Galbraith, Vellinga - 7. Noes, none.

Business

Chad Huwe introduced Mark Perry to discuss the fact sheet regarding the Sioux Falls Comprehensive Regionalization Study. The fact sheet was emailed with the IRAB meeting notice and summarizes the status of the study.

a. 2010 Drainage System Cost Recovery (DSCR) Reimbursement Rates

Andy Berg discussed the proposed reimbursement rates. A handout summarizing the rates was distributed to the group. The furnish price is based on Hanson Pipe costs plus 10%. The 10% includes 6% for sales tax and 4% for handling costs. The install price is based on last year's install price plus 1.7% (construction cost index increase).

Mark Cotter made a motion to approve the 2010 DSCR Reimbursement Rate; the motion was seconded by Mark Vellinga. Roll call: Yeses- Cotter, Schmitt, VanBuskirk, Hofer, Brockmueller, Galbraith, Vellinga-7. Noes, none.

b. Requirements for Connection to Sump Pump Collection Systems (SPCS)

Mark Cotter stated the City is looking for a long term solution for the SPCS. Mark asked the board carefully consider the recommendations being presented.

Andy Berg reviewed the history and goals of the SPCS. To date, the City has reimbursed developers \$937,000 for collection system materials.

Current City ordinance 41-116 requires nuisance pumpers to connect to the SPCS. The City is asking the IRAB to support an ordinance requiring all new homes to connect to the SPCS. The goals are to decrease nuisance pumping in neighborhoods, decrease complaints from neighbors, decrease ice/algae buildup on streets, and to decrease the inflow and infiltration to the sanitary sewer system.

The City estimates the average cost per home to connect to the system prior to landscaping is under \$500. If the connection occurs after landscaping, the cost to connect is over \$1,000. SPCSs cost the developer approximately \$1,365 per home served. The City reimburses them for the cost of materials, which equals about 30% of the construction costs. With the previously mentioned costs of before and after landscaping, the materials cost is approximately 20% of construction costs if installed before and 10% if installed after landscaping.

The City prefers that a mandatory connection for new homes follow our current recommended installation detail. Homes that have already been constructed, and must connect to the system may utilize a shallow-bury or surface connection if there situation allows. This would be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Andy asked the attendees for discussion and feedback.

Paul Fick believes the cost to connect to the system prior to landscaping is closer to \$750. He is also concerned about forcing everyone to connect. In his developments, he offers the option to connect and about 20% of home buyers hook up. Paul expressed that more education and/or enforcement of the ordinance is a better solution than requiring mandatory connection. The City currently enforces the ordinance when a complaint is filed. The issue is the cost to homeowners after landscaping is complete.

The City is responsible for maintenance of the main line of the SPCS. The homeowner is responsible for the line from their home to the main line. The City does not allow any surface water to drain into the system.

City Council Member Greg Jamison asked what the cost would be to add a flow meter on every house. He stated that one idea would be to give citizens the option of either pumping all of their sump pump water into the sanitary sewer system, or connecting to the SPCS. Would the high cost of pumping into the sanitary sewer system force citizens to connect into the SPCS? No costs were available. Concerns were raised that some people may just pay the added cost to pump into the sanitary sewer system.

Preston Mettler was concerned there is no regards to lot size with the proposed mandatory connection. Andy stated that it is not necessarily the lot size, but if the discharged water creates a nuisance.

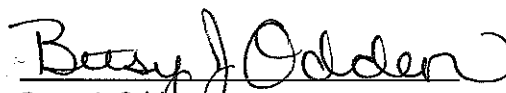
Additional comments can be emailed to Andy.

Board Action:

Action Items

Adjournment

The next IRAB meeting is set for April 20th, at 8:30 a.m., at the Oak View Library. A motion was made by Chad Huwe for adjournment at 9:40 a.m.; the motion was seconded by Jeff Schmitt. Roll call: Yeses- Cotter, Schmitt, VanBuskirk, Hofer, Brockmueller, Galbraith, Velinga - 7. Noes, none.


Betsy J. Odden

Secretary


Chad Huwe
City Engineer