

**MINUTES**  
**INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW ADVISORY BOARD**  
**OAK VIEW LIBRARY**  
**December 3, 2014 8:30 a.m.**

**Members and Alternates Present**

Jeff Schmitt, Preston Mettler, Jason Snyders, Mark Vellinga, Scott Hofer, Tim Galbraith

**Members and Alternates Absent**

Mark Cotter, Chad Huwe, Mike Cooper, Steve VanBuskirk, Mark Anderson, Myron Adam, Phil Gundvaldson, Bill Kemmis

**Others Present**

Todd Anawski, Jeff Des Lauriers, Kurt Peppel, Chuck Point, Andy Berg, Joe Munson, Joel Ingle, Michael McMahon, Trent Lubbers, Brad Stangoehr, Rick Riley, Scott Vander Meulen, Kerry Ellis, Chad Hanisch, Eric Hanson, Diane Best

**Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting**

Schmitt called to approve the November 6, 2014 meeting minutes. A motion by Mettler was seconded by Hofer. Roll Call yeses – Schmitt, Mettler, Vellinga, Hofer, Galbraith. Noes–none. Motion passed 5-0.

**Business**

- a. **2015 IRAB Meeting Dates – The 2015 meetings will continue to be held at the Oak View branch library (3700 E. 3rd Street).**
  
- b. **Connections to Sump Pump Collection Systems (SPCS)**

Andy Berg, Principal Storm Drainage Engineer, led the discussion and distributed a handout of the PowerPoint presentation. At the request of the City Council, the topic of mandatory connections to the sump pump collection system will be brought to the Land Use Committee of the City Council. Prior to this meeting, the topic will be discussed with the IRAB and the Home Builders Association.

Andy gave a brief history of the SPCS program including dollars spent, connections made, and goals of the system. He then opened it up for discussion.

**Question:** If there is a collection system installed and they aren't hooked up, do you knock on their door to see if they are hooked up? Can you predict where nuisance areas will be?

**Answer:** The City does not normally knock on doors to see if homes are connected. Typically, a nuisance water complaint is received. Once the complaint is verified, the property owner is notified via letter to inform them of the nuisance and the corrective measures required. If the corrective measures are not completed, a second letter is sent with a compliance date. If there still is no compliance, the issue is handled by the City's Code Enforcement team.

It is very difficult to predict nuisance areas.

**Comments:**

- This issue could be avoided if the connection is made when the home is constructed; landscaping and utility lines would not be disturbed. Connection to the SPCS is not high on the priority list of a new homeowner. Making the connection mandatory seems like the right thing to do.

- Every home owner should have the option to connect to the SPCS. As citizens, we are saddled with so many extra things for the cost of housing; most people will choose to not connect if they don't think they will need it.
- Most of the time, it will be more expensive to connect to the system after the home is built.
- In order for the home builder to place the sump pump pit and discharge piping in the correct location for connection to the SPCS, the home builder must verify the location (front yard or back yard) of the SPCS prior to construction. Education is the key.

**Adjournment**

The next IRAB meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2015 at 8:30 a.m., at the Oak View Library. Schmitt made a call for adjournment at 9:30 a.m. Motion was called by Hofer, seconded by Galbraith. Roll Call yeses – Roll Call yeses – Schmitt, Mettler, Vellinga, Hofer, Galbraith. Noes – none. Motion passed 5-0.



Maureen Buller  
Secretary



Jeff Schmitt  
Chair