

LAKE DEVELOPMENT MINUTES
APRIL 15, 2009 4:00 - 5:30 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

ATTENDING: Troy Helleloid, Joe Kippes, Tim McGannon, Bernie Schmucker, Robert Sebert, Dave Kringen

ABSENT: John Deppe, James Hunt, John Iverson, Tim Knight, Robert Tatina, Geri Beck

FOCUS 20/20: John McLeod, Mark Puetz, Dave Allen

BASS CLUB: Corey Beyer, Boyd Johnson

OTHERS: Mayor Sebert, Scott Houwman, Randy Ahrendt, Rich Pollreisz, Tom Kippes

Bernie Schmucker called meeting to order:

1. APPROVE MINUTES

Bernie Schmucker stated "If there are no changes, let the minutes stand as approved by the City Council on August 18, 2008" There being no additions or changes, the minutes stand approved.

2. WATERSHED PROGRESS

Dave Kringen stated we still have the 4 farms signed up for the RAM Program. This is a voluntary program to set aside creek side land as buffers. The program has spent approximately 50% of its funding to date. Dave also explained the Firesteel watershed program may be rolled into the James River Water Development District as has been discussed internally with DENR, JRWDD and Firesteel Project.

Discussion was held on Lakeside property around Lake Mitchell. Past soil testing shows the soil has enough Phosphate and fertilizer added to property does not need additional phosphate. John McLeod said Mebius and James Valley use phosphorous free fertilizer. Mark Puetz thought an ordinance may be appropriate to drive the point home that homeowners shouldn't be using phosphorous in their fertilizer. Another lawn care provider is Jason Hohn. Troy Helleloid questioned if the golf course and cemetery are using phosphorous free fertilizer. Dave said he has talked to Kevin and thinks Kevin is using little phosphorous at this time. Tim said Kevin was not told about this meeting, but will invite him to future meetings. Bernie Schmucker asked about the new soccer fields, after discussion, McGannon remembered that the soccer fields are all drained to a pond north of the fields, and that pond has an outlet into the Airport Drainage, which does not go into the lake. It goes East.

Discussion was held on the approximately \$165,000 available to the project from the Non-Point Source State Revolving Fund due to the Foster Lift Station. McGannon has

recommended that this funding go toward shoreline stabilization on Lake Mitchell. Kringen suggested a boat tour to develop a priority of Lake shore stabilization projects for this money.

Discussion was held on lowering the lake level in the fall by 1 foot to prevent erosion and shoreline stabilization.

Discussion was held on how to better circulate some of the bays which become stagnant.

McGannon said that EPA has responded to an inquiry into filling certain bays, and has indicated that EPA has veto authority over such projects and was willing to use such authority. McGannon felt that filling any bays was a dead subject. Others may pursue it if they wish.

3. CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR

Tim McGannon said that he had the last 4 years executive summaries but they had not tried aeration/circulation yet. The reports state that the Cherry Creek project is having best luck with upstream measures. The 2008 report was not on line yet so he was not sure if it will work. This is a 28 to 30 million project.

4. NEW REC. PROJECT PROPOSAL, DISCUSSION, PRIORITIZATION

Randy Ahrendt updated the committee on the handicap fishing dock west of Frank's Bay. The \$50,00 would include sidewalk and parking lot. Dave Allen questioned if this was an ideal place for a fishing dock when there wasn't any fish in this area. Randy Ahrendt explained that to change the location would take another two years for the funding. Scott Houwman said maybe we could create a fishing spot. Have Boy Scouts put in Christmas trees or other ideas. Randy Ahrendt said our clubs in Mitchell have been very generous. . Randy Ahrendt also stated it looks like Kibbee dock will need to come out next year and be repaired. Troy Helleloid questioned if any of the stimulus funding could be used for Kibbee? Randy didn't think so.

McGannon said we will wait for the Focus 20/20 report to be released, then meet again to discuss prioritization again.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 20, at 4:00.

Adjourn 5:30 P.M.