City of Cedar Rapids
Flood Protection Committee Minutes
City Services Center – Five Seasons Conference Center
Thursday, November 20, 2014
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Present: Council members Ann Poe (Chair), Pat Shey and Justin Shields
Sandi Fowler, Assistant City Manager – Development Services; Emily Muhlbach, Development Services Communication Coordinator; Sandy Pumphrey, Project Engineer II

Absent: Mayor Ron Corbett

Meeting called to order at 11:01 a.m. by Council member Ann Poe.

Council member Shey moved to approve the meeting minutes from the October 30, 2014 Flood Protection Committee meeting. Motion seconded by Council member Shields. Motion passed.

Chair Ann Poe gave an overview of the flood systems she viewed during her visits to Louisville, KY, Coralville, IA and Davenport, IA. A copy of the summaries can be found in the packet.

Emily Muhlbach, Communications Coordinator for Development Services, reviewed branding concepts located in the packet. She stated the goal in branding the flood control system is to establish a consistent name and logo to make communication more effective and efficient. She reviewed examples of renderings to show how they would look on the website, newsletters, letterheads and signs. She explained signs would be placed at each flood control system site.

Rick White from HR Green reviewed the memo located in the packet. He informed the Committee of a second work session with the northwest neighborhood area that will take place on Thursday, December 4 from 6-8 p.m. at Harrison Elementary to present a summary of findings received from the first session held October 30. On December 18, the City and HR Green will host a Community-Wide Open House to present a summary of the public consensus and incorporate an engineering perspective. There will be two additional open houses held in March and June of 2015.

Pat Ball from Stanley Consultants updated the Committee regarding the east side flood control system. He announced there will be a workshop held on November 24 and 25 to seek feedback from stakeholders. He informed the Committee that the program management database has been built and will used to keep track of the progress. He stated they are in the final design stages for the Quaker Oats floodwall with construction projected to begin in April of 2015. Stanley Consultants and HR Green have been collaborating with Quaker Oats, the Army Corps of Engineers and the City during this process.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
April Wing
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