

Minutes of the Ad Hoc Stormwater Committee Village of Shorewood Hills

Wed., Nov. 14, 2018

(review and approved at Dec. 5, 2018 meeting)

1. **Called to Order at 7 PM:**
 - a. **Roll Call:** Committee Members Present: Chair/Village President Dave Benforado, Gloria Beach, Carolyn Benforado, Greg Brauer, Peter Hans, Mark Mandel, Eric Riedner.
 - b. **Others Present:** Village Administrator Karl Frantz, Village Engineer Brian Berquist (Town and Country Engineering), and approximately four Village residents.
2. **Meeting Notice:** D.Benforado inquired and K.Frantz confirmed that the meeting had been properly posted in compliance with open meeting laws.
3. **WI Open Meetings Law:** Committee members briefly reviewed the WI open meetings law (FAQ handout with excerpts from the League of WI Municipalities was distributed to members) covering the basics of how to comply with these laws when interacting with others on the Committee and Village residents.
4. **Self-Introductions:** Committee members introduced themselves.
5. **Committee Mission:** Committee members reviewed and discussed the Village Board approved mission for the Committee: *“To learn about the causes and extent of the August 20, 2018, flash flood that impacted over 80 Village homes, numerous Village businesses, many Village assets and the railroad, and to recommend actionable steps the Village could take to prevent the extent of any future such flash flood events. To offer public input sessions, perhaps at the start of its work and then towards the end of its work when its draft recommendations to the Village Board are being finalized. The goal for the Committee will be to make two reports to the Village Board: a status report and any initial recommendations by no later than May 1, 2019, followed by a final report and final recommendations by no later than November 1, 2019. The term of this Committee will be one year, subject to potential extension by the Board.”* There was Committee discussion that the flooding considered must include more than just the August 20, 2018, event, noting for example that there was a stormwater flood on June 15, 2018, that resulted in the closing of the Village Pool since the roads to the Pool (Purdue and the south end of Swathmore Ct were flooded). If the Committee is planning to recommend Village expenditures on stormwater initiatives or projects, it should be mindful of the annual Village budget planning timeline. D.Benforado mentioned that the Village Board may ask this Committee to review the Village Stormwater Utility ERU fee (established in and unchanged since 2007) and recommend any fee necessary adjustments.
6. **Committee Process:** Committee members discussed how the committee meeting agendas must reflect what the Committee plans to discuss or vote on, that the committee will need to decide when to schedule public participation portions of future meetings and when to invite speakers to future meetings, D. Benforado volunteered to take meeting minutes. There will be a “resource” page established for the Committee and interested stakeholders on the Village website.

7. **Technical Update:** B. Berquist used a PowerPoint presentation to explain the extent of the August 20, 2018, flash flood in the Village, the history of flooding in that area, current stormwater infrastructure in the area, and future stormwater management options. Future options including the planned reconstruction of the stretch of University Ave. between Shorewood Blvd and Campus Drive in 2021 which includes completing the “missing link” in stormwater upgrades (i.e., the east/west stormwater system eventually draining to Willow Creek and then to Lake Mendota on either side of that particular stretch has been previously upgraded to allow more throughput), a project that has been in the planning stages for many years and is jointly funded by the Village and City of Madison (with Federal funding as well). Those future options also include a large diameter stormwater flooding relief tunnel from the intersection of Midvale Blvd and University Ave under the Blackhawk Golf Course to the Marina. Berquist and K.Frantz said that the City’s Engineering Division has been using a robust computer model to model the stormwater system and flooding in the area and would like to work with the Village to address the flooding in the area. D.Benforado mentioned the link to flooding and lake level information on Dane County’s Land and Water Resources Department’s website (<https://lwr.d.countyofdane.com/flood-facts-and-initiatives>) was a treasure trove of useful information. D.Benforado summarized the status of the Village wide road rebuilding plan, that stormwater plans are incorporated in when roads are rebuilt, that the east side of the Village (east of Shorewood Blvd) has essentially been completed over the course of the last ten years, and that plans for the west side of the Village will be implemented starting in about four to five years when the Village debt load is sufficiently reduced. D.Benforado attended a meeting of area Mayors and Village Presidents regarding flooding and lake levels on October 15, 2018. The meeting was organized by City of Madison Mayor Soglin who indicated that the meetings would continue monthly as needed. The Committee reviewed a handout with excerpts regarding flooding in the Village from Village resident Tom Brock’s book “Shorewood Hills: An Illustrated History (1999)” (pp. 194, 196 200, 201, 231, 235).
8. **Future Meeting Topics and Speakers:** Committee asked B.Berquist and K.Frantz to ask City of Madison Engineering staff whether they would be available to present at our next meeting, perhaps to show us the computer model they are using. The Committee would also like to hear a review and summary of the prior Strand Engineering and Applied Ecological Services reports on stormwater management options for the area.
9. **Future Meeting Dates:** Committee agreed to meet on the first Wed. of every month at 7 PM at Village Hall (rescheduling on an as needed basis), next on Wed., Dec. 5; 2019 dates below:
 - a. Wed., Jan. 2, 2019;
 - b. Wed., Feb. 6, 2019;
 - c. Wed., March 6, 2019;
 - d. Wed., April 3, 2019;
 - e. Wed., May 1, 2019;
 - f. Wed., June 5, 2019;
 - g. Wed., July 3, 2019;
 - h. Wed., Aug. 7, 2019;
 - i. Wed., Sept. 4, 2019;
 - j. Wed., Oct. 2, 2019;
 - k. Wed., Nov.6, 2019.
10. **Adjournment:** Committee adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Dave Benforado on Nov. 15, 2018.