

MEETING MINUTES

PROJECT: Fort Worth Floodplain Management Plan
NAME OF MEETING: Public Meeting #1
RECORDED BY: Scott Hubley, FNI, Katie Hogan, FNI, Ron Rogers, OCG
DATE: 9/28/2015
LOCATION: Hazel Harvey Peace Center for Neighborhoods
ATTENDEES: City of Fort Worth Staff
 FNI personnel
 OCG personnel
 6 Residents

The following reflects our understanding of the items discussed during the subject meeting. If you do not notify us within five working days, we will assume that you are in agreement with our understanding.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
1.	<p>Clair Davis, P.E., CFM introduced himself as the Floodplain Administrator for the Stormwater Management Division of the City of Fort Worth. He also introduced Scott Hubley, P.E., CFM, and project manager for the development of the floodplain plan with Freese & Nichols, Inc.</p> <p><u>Purpose of the meeting:</u> Present a draft of the Fort Worth Floodplain Management Plan to the public and allow them to give feedback, especially for the Mitigation Action Plan.</p>	City
2.	<p>Scott Hubley gave a review of information covered in Public Meeting #1. The Following topics where covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of NFIP • Purpose of CRS and how FMP improves CRS score • Stormwater Utility Fee overview and budget breakdown • Steps 1-6 of the FMP, including HAZUS Analysis • A lot of flooding problems in Fort Worth are outside the FEMA Floodplain 	FNI
3.	<p>Resident Question: 2009 data used for HAZUS analysis is old. Is it possible to keep data more current?</p> <p>City Response: 2009 data is best available. Updating data more frequently could be an action item in the Mitigation Action Plan</p>	City/Resident
4.	<p>Resident Question: Sewer treatment plant has a berm that is not needed. Can this be converted to a floodplain storage area?</p> <p>City Response: The treatment plant is part of the Water Department. The Stormwater group can coordinate future plans with the Water department at this location.</p>	City
5.	<p>Resident Question: Have natural areas been identified? There is oil drilling happening in the USACE mitigation banks. There should be more regulation on natural areas.</p>	City

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	<p>Different Resident: There is a concrete plant that has been built in the floodplain in without a permit. Builders should have the same requirements as everyone else.</p> <p>City Response: Increasing the city’s enforcement capabilities could be a possible action.</p> <p>Resident Comment: There is too much talk and not enough action.</p> <p>City Response: A plan is a way start action.</p>	
6.	<p>Resident Comment: During rainstorms there is fast-moving water a half mile away from the Trinity River near Randol Mill and Precinct Line. Are there any devices measuring the flow of water there?</p> <p>City Response: No, we don’t have any devices in that location.</p>	City/Resident
7.	<p>Resident Comment: When there are floods, the barriers are placed too close to the flood. People turn around a drive on the grass instead of turning around just on road. The grass gets torn up. Also, the flashing warning signs don’t work.</p> <p>City Response: The non-functioning lights were noted. City will send out field workers to check them. The city has a team that will respond upon request. They also have check list of preventative actions they take when a large rain event is forecasted.</p>	City/Resident
8.	<p>Resident Comment: Why does the City always wait for a tragedy to happen before taking action? The city only fixed the potholes on Precinct after a car got stuck and was totaled. Then they didn’t even fix the potholes properly.</p> <p>City Response: Our field team goes around and checks for problems. If you call, they will come.</p>	Resident/City
9.	<p>City Comment: The sandbag program is not widely publicized because the city is afraid that residents will try to drive through the dangerous flood waters in effort to pick up sand bags.</p>	Resident/City
10.	<p>Resident Comment: After a flood in the past, there were many dead animals on her property. The city would not come to help clean them up when she called.</p> <p>City Response: Write down list of properties that should be investigated, the city can incorporate specific areas into studies if they know about them.</p>	
11.	<p>Resident Comment: I saw a six-wheeled amphibious vehicle being used by the city during the recent floods. Can this be used to study areas during the floods?</p>	

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	<p>City Response: City staff is not aware of such a vehicle. If the Water Department owns it, the Stormwater Department can coordinate to potentially use it during the floods.</p>	
12.	<p>Resident Question: I thought there would be a bridge over Sycamore Creek. Instead it is a low water crossing. The water gets backed up because of the new structure. There is more flooding on Trimble Drive since the new structure was put in. If some trash gets built up, my property will flood.</p> <p>City Response: The newest models were used for the low water crossing. There will be overtopping during storms.</p> <p>FNI: Low water crossings have a more significant impact with smaller storm events, but as the water level rises with heavy storm events, the water will flow over the crossing and the impacts are much less significant.</p> <p>City Response: An appointment was made to meet the resident at her property and look over the area.</p>	
13.	<p>Resident Question: Is the city collecting new topographic data?</p> <p>City Response: LIDAR and survey data are used for designs and studies</p> <p>Resident: The city needs more data and more development restrictions</p>	