

August 8, 2023 Meeting Notes

Flood Committee

Attendees: Donnie Bowen, Carola Wilson, Dave Damalouji, Elana Van Oudenaren, Luke Johnson, Stacy Milor, Tom Litke, Dawn Richardson.

Discussion Items

1. Acknowledging Senator Jackson's support for the 5th Street upgrade.

- a. While the Committee is anxious to provide a forum for Senator Jackson—both to acknowledge his support for its projects and enable him to interact with residents—it was decided that the best path would be to first reach out to his staff about preferences, schedules, etc.

2. Planning for a separate committee meeting to recommend Flood Action Plan priorities.

- a. Carola volunteered to organize this session before the next regular Committee meeting, but in subsequent discussions with Donnie and Lauren it was decided the effort should, in fact, be the focus of the September 12 meeting.
- b. The preliminary plan: expand the time of the September 12 meeting from 2-4pm, meet in-person at Town Hall, and go over the Flood Plan in detail to make sure the priorities align with current thinking, identify immediate opportunities, and align the projects with any upcoming grant opportunities, if possible.

3. Discussing grant needs/opportunities.

- a. Tom pointed out that flood plan projects are included the Town planning worksheets, and reiterated that advising him of priorities early-on will enable him to align with grant opportunities.
- b. Tom also noted that “resiliency” has become a key component of applicable grant opportunities.

4. Update on 9th Street pump upgrade and RFP.

- a. Donnie reported that BayLand was awarded a contract to use the criteria from the Town's Flood Action Plan and details from the 5th Street pump upgrade and produce an engineering plan within four months for 9th Street that can be put out to bid. A kickoff meeting is scheduled for August 15.
- b. Funds are available for the engineering plans as well as the expected expense of the upgrade.

- c. Plans for a generator will be included in the engineering plans.

5. Educational/Informational signage for the 5th Street pump and related projects.

- a. After considerable comment (!), “5th Street Floodwater Pump Outlet” was selected for the wording of a sign to be erected in the vicinity of the pump system.
- b. It was also agreed that a small placard would be placed on the pier, adjacent to the pump outlet, that explains what people are looking at—similar to the other placards on the boardwalk.