Members Present:

Jim Sefcik, Chair
Matthew Werhner, Secretary
Don Knapp
Karen Mullins
Larri Gerson
Eleanor McCook

Susanne Gow
Elizabeth Grant
William Sweetnam
Jill Gunn
Belle Gruber
Christopher McLaughlin-excused

Staff Present:
Whitney Marsh, Public Services

Guests: Jeff Gow, City Commissioner

Call to order: 6:30 PM

Approval of minutes: Moved for approval by Bill Sweetnam, seconded and passed.

Draft Agenda Adoption: Moved for approval by Karen Mullins, seconded and passed.

Unfinished Business:

• 2019-2020 initiatives for SAC – at a previous meeting the committee decided an initiative would be educating HOA’s and other private property owners on their responsibilities regarding storm water runoff from their properties. Whitney reported that she was able to obtain a database of about 120 HOA’s in Dunedin. The committee then decided to have Whitney re-distribute the letter previously composed by Bill Sweetnam regarding maintenance of stormwater treatment areas within these HOA communities. After review and editing, this letter will be attached to a SWFWMD pamphlet entitled ‘How to Operate and Maintain your Stormwater Management System.’ This mailing will be put together at the next meeting, and then be mailed out to the HOA’s on the database.

• Curlew Creek Management Plan update: completed

• Stormwater Master Plan
  o Citizen Input Meeting-February 4, 2020, a flyer has been sent out to residents with their utility bills.
  o Committee members are encouraged to attend
  o The final presentation to the City Commission will be May 5, 2020
  o The SMP will lead to a list of BMP’s (Best Management Practices), i.e., major projects for the next 10-15 years.

• Artificial Turf – The Commission has decided to keep natural turf at Pioneer Park.
• Stormwater Enforcement - The purpose is to put teeth in enforcement by levying fines (after warnings). The hope is that it will encourage good behavior rather than punish bad behavior. Funds collected as fines will be earmarked for projects improving the environmental health of our community. Still in progress.

Reports/updates - none

New Business:
  • Potential speakers to SAC
    o Whitney has scheduled Natalie Henley, Sustainability Program Coordinator, for our next meeting.
    o Don Knapp suggested we get a speaker from Wastewater Management. Whitney will work on that for the July meeting.

Discussion on holding/cancelling any future meeting:
  • Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 6:30 pm, Water Division Conference Room

Next Agenda - development and suggestions
  • Stuff envelopes to send letter and pamphlet to HOA’s.
  • Update on Curlew Creek Watershed Management Plan
  • Update on Stormwater Master Plan and report on SMP citizen input meeting.
  • Speaker Natalie Henley
  • Update on Stormwater Enforcement Plan

Public Comment – Commissioner Jeff Gow expressed his appreciation to the committee for its work.

Adjourned at 7:18 pm

Respectfully submitted:
Matthew Werhner, Secretary