

CEC Meeting Minutes – June 9, 2022 (Next Meeting: July 7, 2022).

Attendees:

Dian Seidel Sheila Blum
Dan Clohossey Stuart Sessions
Joy White

Minutes

- Last month's meeting minutes were approved
- Dan used a PowerPoint to lead the rest of the meeting discussion
- Dan and Stuart will be doing the July Forecast Tip on Stormwater Management.
- Key topics discussed:
 - Rosemary Garden – Town Council wants more “meat on the bones” of the proposal before they hold a work session. Sheila and Dan agreed to set up a meeting with Tolbert to review the proposal as the next step. Council is looking for information such as listing of easy vs. hard, large vs. small and rough estimated costs. After we're able to provide the Council with more detail, they will hold a work session and then a public hearing. They also encouraged us to contact the adjacent neighbors to Rosemary Triangle to alert them to the planning process, to give them a heads up.
 - Stormwater Mgmt Update – Dan and Stuart shared updates about 4-5 items the Town is working on related to stormwater management. In addition to work getting started on some specific problem areas (eg Coquelin Run near Lynn Drive, Rosemary Circle, Thornapple Sump county is going to install 2 new drain inlets at Oakridge/Thornapple and Maple/Thornapple), the Town is also looking at re-constituting a prior program called Rainscapes and Technical Assistance Program which will match County funding for Rainscapes projects and provide an additional amount for resident technical assistance. There will be a discussion and public hearing on the revamped Rainscapes Town program on July 13. The Town also is going to be highlighting the existing Consulting Water Management Program as a way to get people started and potentially scope a Rainscapes project. The Town will also be having Clark Azar do a “windshield” survey of Town, esp in particular problem areas to see if there are any public right of way areas where some green infrastructure might help with stormwater retention. Lastly, Land Use committee is looking at the water management ordinances associated with new builds or large renovations and finding ways to encourage additional water retention.
 - We had a brief discussion of the Corso (4-H) developments esp the concept of a forest trail. The main issue at the Town level right now is that Corso is not being as forthcoming as they should be with information to help the Town shape the planning and the Town is writing a response letter to Corso to highlight this problem.
 - July 4 Picnic – We've been invited to table at the Town's big July 4 picnic (July 4, 11:30-2). I'm looking for a volunteer to lead this effort – if we don't get a

volunteer we'll let the opportunity pass, especially given what a big event this is with a lot going on already.

- July 16 Household Hazardous Waste Dropoff Event – Lawton Center – 9am-noon
The Town has scheduled an interim HHW dropoff event since the Spring T&T event was oversubscribed. The Town is looking for 2-3 volunteers to help with this event by checking IDs (residents only allowed), light traffic management and being an information source for resident questions. I'm hoping we can find 2-3 people to help with this on July 16 from 9am-noon, since this is a CEC-inspired event.
- It was suggested that we do an interim light bulb exchange not on July 16 but before Fall T&T since the Spring T&T was oversubscribed. Dan will work with Todd to find a date and schedule with our County contacts.
- Greening Town Operations and Town Staffing – had a discussion about this and the 2 main takeaways were that we should wait until the Town is fully staffed and see the new org chart then think about how “greening” efforts could be organized/staffed and secondly, Joy will contact Todd about adding a brief section to his monthly manager's report to Town Council on the topic of “sustainability” accomplishments.