

FEAB MEETING MINUTES
December 14, 2018 3:00 p.m.
Fairhope Public Library, Fairhope, AL

Member Attendees: Gary Gover, Nicole Love, Jeanine Normand, Ron Allen, Jim Horner, Ben Frater

City of Fairhope: None

Honored Guests: None

Minutes taken by: Nicole Love (*Jim Horner's comments added by Kim Burmeister*)

FEAB MEMBERS/MEETINGS/ MINUTES:

Gary made a motion to approve any and all previous Board meeting minutes that need to be approved. Motion seconded by Jeanine Normand. Motion approved. October 2018's minutes were approved.

Discussion of items:

Impervious surface requirements for residential construction: Jim Horner spent some time researching the current regulations for residential construction. Verbatim Per Jim:

They require set-backs and a minimum of 37% coverage for the house and side building per building lot. This 37% excludes driveways and sidewalks. It was therefore recommended that instead of the 37% rule, a percentage coverage of impervious surface be established to include all impervious surfaces. To illustrate the effect of the 37% rule, Jim calculated permissible house and side building coverage for three different lot sizes:

1. Lot size 75' x 140' = House and side building 3,850 s. f.
2. 100' x 200' = 7,4000 s. f.
3. 145' x 300' = 16,095 s. f.

This seems like a very liberal restriction. It was therefore recommended that the 37% rule be replaced with a 40% maximum coverage for all impervious surfaces on a building.

Stormwater Fee Research. Verbatim Per Jim:

The City of Mobile initiated a stormwater fee based on enabling ordinance SR 355. FEAB had recommended Fairhope do the same providing money was specifically earmarked for stormwater management. Jimmy Conyers found there was not much interest in the City Council to implement any new taxes. But there was some interest in redirecting monies from existing impact fees to stormwater management. The biggest challenge would be to decide which current departments that receive impact fee money now would get cut. The estimated amount might be in the area of the \$200,000 per year. This money could also be increased by using it as matching funds for grants. Jimmy also stated the Tischler Bice analysis could impact this decision.

Red Soil & Clay Ordinance: Per Jim:

FEAB has recommended that red clay not be used for driveways and sidewalks and that is now in City's hands.

Agenda items for next meeting:

1. Election of officers.
2. Review our bylaws and update them.
 - a. Is there any way we can get around having the six-member quorum?
3. Look at membership reappointments.
4. Are we (as the FEAB) doing enough to public education and outreach?
 - a. This is an area where the members of the FEAB have a lot of expertise that can be utilized to assist the City. Members can help develop outreach materials and campaigns

based on what is needed. One example would be: can we or do we need to get a new parks brochure printed. Maybe someone needs to review it to see if it is up to date.

5. Dealing with Climate Change – what recommendations can the FEAB give to the City that will help them deal with climate change as it relates to policies, codes, etc.?
6. Nicole mentioned that she felt there were still a huge disconnect between the FEAB and the City and City Council.
 - a. It was suggested that Nicole develop a list of those barriers that exist between the Board and City.

*Note: Gary mentioned that Jimmy Conyers is leading an idea throughout the City to review all the existing boards and committees for effectiveness. There may be a possibility of combining some boards and eliminating others that are not functioning.

Motions made and passed during this meeting: None.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. Next meeting scheduled for Friday January 11th, 2019 @ 3:00 p.m. (Fairhope Public Library)

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