

FEAB MEETING MINUTES
November 13, 2015
3:00 p.m.
Delchamps Room, Fairhope, AL

Attendees: Gary Gover, Terry Hargroder, Rick Fredrick, Jeanine Normand, Ron Allen, Shawn Graham

Honored Guests: None

Gary Gover presided in Mike's absence.

MINUTES: Ron Allen moved to accept the minutes and Gary Gover seconded the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. There was no discussion of old business.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) NEP Activities: Rick Fredrick said the new fall issue of the NEP magazine is soon to come out. Rick handed out the Spring copy of the magazine. Rick provided some general discussion about the NEP projects. He indicated that the Fish River Management Plan is moving forward with a contract being awarded Thompson Engineering. Thompson Engineering has hired Bob Higgins to work on the communication outreach. A steering committee will be formed at the first of the year. Rick said it would be good if someone from the FEAB group would volunteer to be on the steering committee. Rick commented that at the next meeting it would be great to pick the person to be on the committee

Gary Gover suggested that NEP staff could maybe give the City Council a 15 minute pitch of what is the key important information for the Watershed Management plan.

- 2) Restoration Funding and Plan: Gary also thought it was a good idea to have Mobile Bay Keepers or someone informed from the City to also talk about the BP Restoration Plan. Gary said he was disheartened to read about funds going to the general fund and payments over a long period of time. He said he went from excited about the funding to depressed really fast when he read the article on the Restoration Plan. Gary suggested that Michael Shelton coordinate a restoration presentation on how the restoration funds will work out in Fairhope. Gary thought there were 5 buckets of funding and that more projects were submitted than dollars available. He also thought some money was going to be put away for unexpected consequences of the oil spill to be held in reserve. Generally Gary suggests that the FEAB members need to get a better understanding.

- 3) Park Brochure: Jeanine suggested that FEAB make suggestions to the City to put money in the budget to reprint Park Brochures, berm for the duck pond and trails for the Triangle property.
- 4) Pervious Paving for City projects: Jeanine Normand suggested the committee may want to put in some ideas with regards to making neighborhood sidewalks permeable. Gary Gover volunteered to get with Jennifer to see if she could support the idea and what percentage of new sidewalks would be a reasonable amount to present to Council based on her budget and what location would she suggest for permeable paving.

Ron Allen moved to adjourn the meeting.
Shawn Graham seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 a.m.