

Stormwater Master Plan Update Summary of Stakeholder Feedback Meeting 4 – October 19, 2017

Meeting Purpose: Talk through the draft report table of contents. Discuss the chapters in the draft Master Plan on challenges and strategic direction in more detail. Discuss the implementation plan, flexibility of the program, future stakeholder engagement and updates of the report.

Stakeholders in Attendance

Gary Havener	Aric Head	David Motheral
Rick Kubes	Monica Hamilton	Rafael McPonrell
Joe Schneider	Bo Cung	
Si Rowlett	William Schur	

City of Fort Worth Staff, Master Plan Consultant, and Halff Associates. Public- sign in sheets available.

Meeting Conclusions

The stakeholders in attendance were in general consensus with the information presented in the draft master plan document. Several stakeholders emailed comments on the draft report prior to the meeting. The City will move forward and finalize the master plan update considering the stakeholder and public feedback received at the meeting and on the draft report. Remaining stakeholder feedback on the draft report was requested by October 31 in an email to the stakeholders following the meeting.

Questions/Comments brought up by stakeholders during the presentation and discussed at the meeting:

1. The funding gap on the mitigation and hazards – we have \$300–400 million backlog with a \$10 million annual budget - is this making a dent or are we losing ground/gaining ground?
2. We never talked about the role of educating the community on why there are problems. There is always an opportunity to do better.
3. What do we mean by \$400 million dollars of critical CIP needs? It sounds kind of scary. Are all of these needs critical?
4. If you have about \$10 million per year in capital funds and about \$300 million in CIP needs, are we going to completely address all the critical needs in 30 years?
5. How likely are stormwater projects to be included in the general obligation bond program? We need at least one project in the bond program.
6. We need to be responsive to what people know is a priority but also be responsible in addressing some of the problems that people are unaware of.

7. It is unfortunate that some stormwater problems will not be fixed until someone drowns and there is a news story.
8. What's the cost on the North Service Center and where did that money come from?
9. When new development occurs, you have surveys and you know where the FEMA floodplains are located. We need to get the local floodplain maps out to the people as they are purchasing property. It's more difficult for residential properties that do not always thoroughly research the flood risk.
10. Are we really asking the question of whether we should show maps with the local floodplains?
11. It sounds like we are not wanting to change the development code, but we know many of the causes of flooding is development.
12. The 1 acre development review threshold is primarily an infill development issue. Greenfield development is already being regulated heavily.
13. We all agree that enforcement of stormwater regulations and prevention of unpermitted changes (such as filling in a designed drainage swale) is an issue that needs to be addressed.
14. Properties threatened by erosion is a bad thing. It appears we are going straight towards a buffer zone policy and I'm concerned about the number of streams in the City and the impacts this could have on development. In other communities, it takes out developable property and negatively impacts the cohesiveness of the property. All for preservation, but this may take it too far.
15. I have a question about the real problem. Who is managing the The Trinity River and the levees? Is the USACE responsible?
16. Where are we in terms of indexing and inventorying the public channels? Is there a chance that channels become a higher priority? What if we find the issues are much bigger?

Questions/Comments brought up by public and discussed during the Public Comment section at the end of the meeting:

17. It sounds to me like you have a lot of really good ideas and strategies, but the big challenge is finding financing. That is the biggest. I think it might be good to use some resources that you do have to investigate alternative financing. Also, as we've learned from the Houston tragedy, development has a huge impact on drainage problems. Until the city accepts that and understand that, the challenge will be balancing a rush to expand the tax base. If you start hindering development, you'll run into some political problems to get them to accept that development is creating a lot of these problems. We certainly learned it firsthand. It's incremental development that's occurred over a long period of time.
18. I live in Riverbend Estates which is in east Fort Worth off of Randol Mill Road. You talk a lot in this plan about making the community aware. When I moved into this neighborhood, I didn't realize that our HOA is responsible for the drainage. I don't know if that's a common agreement with developers, but this was a 1989 agreement before we were ever developed. Our HOA maintains all the drainage for our neighborhood and roughly 2,000 acres, so all the properties east of us which would include Woodhaven. There's a new charter school in that area and there was another charter school that was going to be built, and our HOA is responsible for maintaining all that drainage and the cost. As you know, we don't get any of the funds back from the utility fees. I did hear you mention the special tax drainage district and I would like to know how we can get assistance. When we need to turn the electricity on our pumps to pump the stormwater it costs our HOA \$10,000 just with the electricity spike. And should one of those pumps fail and we have to replace one, it could cost us \$250,000. Being a little HOA, where

would we come up with those funds? This is a very old agreement and the stormwater program wasn't even in existence at the time it was made. What we would like to do is talk to someone and see what can be done to educate our neighborhood on what we can do and how we can get assistance on the drainage control in our neighborhood and for the 2,000 acres we're responsible for.

Comment Cards from Stakeholders and Public:

19. Asset management and maintenance is something that the program is starting to explore more deeply. Land development activity constructs more storm drain infrastructure than the city. However, there is a misalignment of design criteria for public and "privately" funded storm drain. For example: stormwater prefers geotextile erosion control however the drainage manual requires rock rip rap. Our allowable manhole spacing and reinforced concrete box dimensions exceed what operation and maintenance staff can service.
20. I live in Riverbend Estates and long after moving in I learned HOA is responsible for the drainage and flood control for the neighborhood and roughly 2000 acres upstream from us pursuant to a 1989 Drainage Facilities Maintenance Agreement between the developer and the city. If there were to be a flooding event I am concerned about the HOA's financial ability to run the pumps to maintain the drainage. What can the HOA do to get financial assistance with this? Is there a way to apply for funds to be allocated to us to assist with the drainage maintenance?
21. Interesting in attending future meetings and learning about our engagement process.
22. The single biggest issue is lack of required funds to make a truly impactful statement on the problems stormwater faces. The staff has done a great job on many levels in addressing and resolving as much as possible with the limited funds they have.
23. I'm satisfied with the process city staff conducted. I thought stakeholder's participation level was great. I'm confident the final product (master plan) will be a very comprehensive and very well thought out document. Staff has done a great job!