

Communities of the Future Advisory Committee (CFAC) Policy Subcommittee Meeting Summary

November 10, 2011

9:30 AM to 11:30 AM at MSD Engineering Building

In Attendance:

Karen Ball, Hamilton County
Robin Corathers, MCRP
Jennifer Eismeier, MCWCC
Dave Gamstetter, Parks
Todd Kinskey, HCP&D
Cecilia Kloecker, Sierra Club
Bruce Koehler, OKI-RCG
Dustin Lester, City Planning & Buildings
MaryLynn Lodor, MSD
Todd Long, HCED/HCSWD

Michael Miller, Green Umbrella/ MCWCC
Dean Niemeyer, HCP&D
Mark Norman, Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease
Jennifer O'Donnell, Office of the Vice Mayor
Josh Osborne, HUD (Cincinnati)
Amy Pursley, SMU
Cameron Ross, City Planning & Buildings
Marilyn Wall, Sierra Club
Brian Wamsley, HCP&D

CFAC Policy Sub-committee Meeting's Agenda and Recap:

The CFAC Policy Sub-committee meeting began with introductions and updates by Tony Parrott, Director of MSD. The Stormwater Policy Gap Analysis has been a collective focal point of the CFAC Policy Subcommittee from the start but became a greater focus beginning at the August 5, 2011 CFAC Policy Subcommittee meeting and discussed in more depth at the September 22, 2011 CFAC meeting.

MaryLynn Lodor, Environmental Programs Director at MSD, described the framework of the preliminary *Stormwater Policy Gap Analysis* and the background research used to inform the document. The September 22, 2011 CFAC meeting produced 10 storm water gaps that were suggested as a focus for the gap analysis. Hamilton County Planning and Development conducted another gap assessment using the Center for Watershed Protection's report called "Managing Stormwater in Your Community: A Guide for Building an Effective Post-Construction Program: Tool #4 – Post Construction Stormwater Management Codes and Ordinances Worksheet." Then, MSD and Hamilton County worked together to create a hybrid stormwater policy gap assessment by selectively merging the previous work of the CFAC and Hamilton County with the USEPA's "Sustainable Design and Green Building Toolkit for Local Governments." This hybrid was used to guide a three-hour stormwater policy workshop that gathered various professionals who closely work with the current storm water codes, rules and regulations. The meeting looked at over 50 separate storm water issues and best management practices (BMP), looking for codes and regulations currently in place that could impede or encourage the individual issue or BMP.

Brian Wamsley, Hamilton County Planning and Development, went through some of the individual gaps identified by the Preliminary Stormwater Policy Gap Analysis. The presentation was informal and allowed for questions, updates, clarifications, and all other types of comments during the presentation.

Discussion Highlights

The discussion was free flowing and covered many issues very quickly including the following main topics:

- NPDES Compliance – SMU Proposed Revisions Update: December 2011 – January 2012
 - Post Construction Stormwater Management
 - Illicit Discharge Detection
 - Soil and Erosion Control

- Riparian Corridor Management
 - Near term solution for NPDES compliance - Interim Development Control
 - Long term solution – Land Development Code
- MSD Rules and Regulations
 - Section 514
 - MSD reimbursement to developers who do additional infrastructure work for MSD
 - Offset credit policy for stormwater infrastructure projects
- Need for Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual
 - Proposed idea: MSD’s Green Project Demonstration Program used to inform
 - Proposed idea: Hamilton County Stormwater District and SMU collaborating on Design Manual
 - Proposed idea: Light Imprint infused – City Planning looking to address through LDC
- Remediation of Downspout Disconnection rules and regulation issues
 - Update: SMU has worked with Building and Plumbing Department and others on revisions to code
 - Next Step: Submit with or shortly after NPDES Ordinance revisions in December 2011
- Green Streets and Parking Lot Regulations
 - Curb-cut issues
 - Next Step: Continue to implement Pilot Projects as they arise
 - Proposed idea: Long Term – Land Development Code
- LID and BMP related codes, ordinances and incentive program gaps

Handouts:

- MSDGC Preliminary Policy Gap Analysis Tool: *High Priority* - (PDF distributed prior to meeting 11/8/2011) (Word document distributed after meeting)
- MSDGC Preliminary Policy Gap Analysis Tool: *Med-Low Priority* - (Word document distributed after meeting)

Looking Ahead / Action Steps:

The CFAC Policy Members asked for Word format versions of the Preliminary Policy Gap Analysis document so that they could submit comments, questions and edits. A deadline of Friday November 18, 2011 was set by MSD for returning the revisions. The Preliminary Policy Gap Analysis that was distributed to the CFAC will not be submitted as a status update to City Council, but rather as a supporting resource used to inform the process.