

**MIKE CLAUSEN**  
Chairman

**JAY MARTIN**  
Vice-Chairman

**CHUCK ENGELKEN**  
Member



**DARYL LEONARD**  
Member

**DANNY EARP**  
Alternate Member

## **MINUTES OF DRAINAGE AND FLOODING COMMITTEE JUNE 29, 2015**

The Drainage and Flooding Committee of the City of La Porte met on **Monday, June 29, 2015**, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 604 West Fairmont Parkway, La Porte, Texas, at **5:00 p.m.** to consider the following items of business:

### **1. Call to Order**

Chairman Mike Clausen called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. The following members of the Drainage and Flooding Committee were present: Vice-Chairman Jay Martin, Committee members Chuck Engelken, Daryl Leonard, and Alternate member Danny Earp. Staff Present: Traci Leach, Tim Tietjens, Sharon Harris and Bob Eng.

### **2. Authorizations**

**(a)** Consider approval or other action regarding minutes of the Drainage and Flooding Committee Meeting held on March 30, 2015 – S. Harris

Committee Member Engelken moved to approve the minutes as presented. Committee Member Leonard seconded. **MOTION PASSED.**

Ayes:	Chairman Clausen, Vice Chairman Jay Martin and Committee members Engelken and Leonard
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

### **3. Staff Reports**

**(a)** Discussion of Drainage Projects in the City of La Porte – B. Eng

Planning and Development Director Tim Tietjens presented a synopsis on the recent heavy rain events.

City Engineer/Inspection Service Manager Bob Eng provided a summary for discussion of Drainage Projects and Administrative Drainage Projects in the City of La Porte for the following projects.

#### **F216 Phase II – Watershed Improvements (W. Madison St. to 450' South of W. Main St.)**

City Engineer/Inspection Services Manager Bob Eng provided an update on the F216 Phase II – Watershed Improvements (W. Madison St. to 450' South of W. Main St.).

Alternate Member Earp asked if trees will be replanted after environmental clearance is obtained. Public Works Director Dave Mick responded yes and Planning and Development Director Tim Tietjens provide the location where the trees are to be located.

#### **N. P Street Culvert Replacement Project**

City Engineer/Inspection Service Manager Bob Eng provided an update on the N. P Street Culvert Replacement Project. There were no questions from Committee Members

#### **N. D Street to Sens Road Ditch De-Silting Project**

City Engineer/Inspection Service Manager Bob Eng provided an update on the N. D Street to Sens Road Ditch De-Silting project. There were no questions from Committee Members.

#### **Browning/Golden Drainage Improvements Project**

City Engineer/Inspection Service Manager Bob Eng provided an update on the Browning/Golden Drainage Improvements Project. There were no questions from Committee Members

#### **D Street Ultimate Outfall Project**

City Engineer/Inspection Service Manager Bob Eng provided an update on the D Street Ultimate Outfall Project. There were no questions from Committee Members

#### **TX Dot/Broadway Remote Maintenance Contract**

City Engineer/Inspection Service Manager Bob Eng provided an update on the TX Dot/Broadway Remote Maintenance Contract. Vice-Chairman Martin asked what the overlay project consist of. Mr. Eng responded at least two inches or more of hot mix at Wharton Weems south of Broadway.

#### **CLP Bulkhead**

City Engineer/Inspection Service Manager Bob Eng provided an update on the CLP Bulkhead at Happy Harbor. Vice-Chairman Martin questioned the ultimate objective of the project. Planning and Development Director Tim Tietjens informed an existing bulkhead washed out and there is a risk of literally losing the bulkhead and permanently losing property line.

#### **S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Project (Fairmont to Main)**

City Engineer/Inspection Service Manager Bob Eng provided an update on the S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (Fairmont to Main) Project. Vice-Chairman Martin asked the expected completion date for the project. Public Works Director Dave Mick responded approximately another 30 days. Committee member Leonard asked if the budget is being maintained well. Mr. Mick responded yes, well with a couple of issues that need to be negotiated.

#### **W. D Street Channel Improvements.**

City Engineer/Inspection Service Manager Bob Eng provided an update on the W. D Street Channel Improvements Project. There were no questions from Committee Members.

#### **W. D Street Channel Protection**

City Engineer/Inspection Service Manager Bob Eng provided an update on the W. D Street Channel Protection Project. There were no questions from Committee Members.

#### **F101 Drainage Channel (at Pipeline Corridor)**

City Engineer/Inspection Service Manager Bob Eng provided an update on the F101 Drainage Channel (at Pipeline Corridor) Project. There were no questions from Committee Members.

## **Brookglen Detention Basins**

City Engineer/Inspection Service Manager Bob Eng provided an update on the Brookglen Detention Basins Project. There were no questions from Committee Members.

## **Sens Road Reconstruction**

City Engineer/Inspection Service Manager Bob Eng provided an update on the Sens Road Reconstruction. There were no questions from Committee Members.

## **Pedestrian Bridge at Lakes at Fairmont Greens**

City Engineer/Inspection Service Manager Bob Eng provided an update on the Pedestrian Bridge at Lakes at Fairmont Greens Project. There were no questions from Committee Members.

## **MS4 Permit**

City Engineer/Inspection Service Manager Bob Eng provided an update on the MS4 Permit. There were no questions from Committee Members.

### **(b) Discussion of Drainage Concerns in the City of La Porte – B. Eng**

Committee member Leonard commented during the recent rain events he noticed considerable retention of water in the ditches on Fairmont Parkway and asked if Harris County Flood Control District has plans on repairing elevation for better drainage. Mr. Eng responded he will contact Harris County Flood Control District and inquire about the drainage concern. In addition, Mr. Eng advised if water remains more than seventy-two hours, Harris County Flood Control District will consider it to be a problem. Public Works Director Dave Mick advised Harris County Flood Control District has been contacted to work various ditches on County roads; work has been performed on S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street for a number of weeks; and work is complete on N. 11<sup>th</sup> and N. 12<sup>th</sup> Streets. In addition, Mr. Mick advised a prioritized list of projects for ditches will be sent to the County as per their request.

Vice-Chairman Martin asked if rainfall can be measured around the City of La Porte. Planning and Development Director Tim Tietjens responded yes, there is a website for Harris County with transducers that measures rainfall on fifteen minute increments. Vice Chairman Martin asked if there are any other major projects need to be continued in the City of La Porte after the S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Project. Planning and Development Director Tim Tietjens responded yes, F216 Phase II and F101.

Alternate Member Earp requested the F216 Phase II and F101 Projects remain priority and to have Harris County Flood Control District provide some type of relief for drainage in Lomax.

Chairman Clausen asked when the Pasadena Land Swap Project will begin. Planning and Development Director Tim Tietjens informed, the City of Pasadena Public Works Director advised they are 8 months away from bidding construction. Committee member Engelken asked when the entrance to Brookwood will be moved farther east as per the agreement with the City of Pasadena, and commented on the amount of dirt on the roadway from dump trucks of contractors. Mr. Tietjens responded he will research and confirm when the entrance will be moved farther east and contact the contractors regarding the dirt in the roadway. Committee member Engelken then asked if the City of Pasadena will build a detention pond with the upcoming HEB grocery store. City Engineer/Inspection Service Manager Bob Eng responded yes there are two detention ponds that exist and Harris County Flood Control District has approved the drainage plans.

**4. Set date for next Drainage and Flooding Committee Meeting**

The Committee members set the next meeting date tentatively for September 21, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

**5. Committee Comments**

Alternate Member Earp thanked Public Works Director Dave Mick for assistance with debris in one of the ditches before a rain event and Chairman Clause commented the drainage improvements on Farrington Blvd., and Fleetwood Dr. have worked wonders during rain events.

**6. Adjourn**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sharon Harris, Assistant City Secretary

Passed and approved on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2015.

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Chairman, Mike Clausen