

FLOOD PLAIN PERMIT COMMITTEE MEETING

*201 West Gray, Building A, South Conference Room  
May 16, 2011  
8:30 a.m.*

Minutes

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PRESENT: Shawn O'Leary, Director of Public Works  
Susan Connors, Director of Planning/Community Development  
Bob Hanger, Storm Water Engineer  
Ken Danner, Development Manager  
Doug Koscinski, Current Planning Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Todd McLellan, Development Engineer  
Julie Shelton, Staff  
Mark Daniels, Utilities  
Robert Goodner, Property Owner  
Preston Collins, Property Owner  
Bob Wilson, Property Owner  
Lollie Lenker, Property Owner  
Frank Savastano, Property Owner  
Rick Lambert, Property Owner

NOT PRESENT: Sherri Stansel, Citizen Member  
Marion Hutchison, Citizen Member

O'Leary began the meeting by noting that committee members Marion Hutchison and Sherri Stansel were not present. O'Leary continued by asking the committee for approval of the minutes of the April 18, 2011 meeting. Motion for approval from Danner. Seconded by Koscinski. Approved 5-0.

Item No. 1, Flood Plain Permit Application No. 484:

O'Leary introduced the permit application to remove the existing brush and debris and install new sod and sand on property at 821 Symmes Street. McLellan introduced Robert Goodner, father of the applicant. McLellan continued by noting that the property is located in the floodway adjacent to the west side of Imhoff Creek. OG&E removed trees and brush below their power lines on the applicant's property. After the brush and debris were removed, the property owner removed a small amount of unsuitable soil and brush and replaced with a sand base and Bermuda sod. It was noted that the property is flood zone AE and is platted as part of the Eagleton Addition. No drainage easements are indicated on the plat. The applicable ordinance sections were noted and O'Leary asked the committee for additional questions or comments. Lambert addressed his concerns about the applicant being allowed to place fill in his yard in violation of US Army Corps of Engineer's requirements. McLellan confirmed that in order for the property owner to meet the compensatory storage requirements, the same amount of material that is placed in the flood plain has to be removed. He continued by confirming that the property had been inspected to show that this requirement had been met. Discussion ensued among the committee, including comments from Koscinski, Lambert, and Goodner. After discussion, O'Leary commented that no new fill is allowed in the floodway and that this was a cut and fill process. McLellan noted that Dansby, a registered professional engineer, had issued a no rise certification. Lambert continued to disagree and Goodner commented on the

level of the yard with the removal of the old debris and placement of the sod and sand base. Discussion continued among the committee and Lambert continued to voice his objection to the application. Hanger asked for clarification on where the debris was removed by OG&E. Motion to approve by Danner. Motion seconded by Koscinski. Lambert stood and voiced his disapproval, and O'Leary instructed him that he was out of order. Application approved 5-0. Lambert then continued with disruption of the meeting, was asked to leave, and he eventually left the room.

Item No. 2, Flood Plain Permit Application No. 482:

O'Leary introduced the permit application from the City of Norman Public Works Department to remove the existing culverts and install two larger culverts under the access road to Lift Station "D". The access road will also be lowered in one area to construct a low water crossing. McLellan explained the application and noted that the site is located directly west of the Wildwood Hills Estates Addition. McLellan continued by stating that the permit is being requested to improve the drainage in the existing earthen channel from the Red Canyon Ranch Addition detention pond outlets north to the Little River. The access road to Lift Station D has two culverts that are not large enough to carry the water during heavy rain events and water overtops the road. This project will remove the existing pipes and replace them with two 54" arch coated corrugated metal pipes, and the access road will be gradually lowered approximately one foot for a distance of approximately 75 feet just west of the culvert locations to create a low water crossing that will handle any excess flow during heavy rain events. It was noted that all of the excavated material will be removed from the flood plain.

In addition, the City will clean the existing channel from the Red Canyon Ranch detention ponds north to the Little River. McLellan finished his report by stating that the access road will be paved with asphalt once the road is lowered and the culverts are replaced. The applicable ordinance requirements were noted including the compensatory storage requirements. Connors asked for clarification on the location of the culverts. Daniels explained the exact location of the project. Additional comments from Wilson and Collins were addressed by staff. O'Leary and Danner explained how the channel would be cleaned out all the way to Little River. Motion to approve from Danner. Seconded by Connors. Approved 5-0.

Miscellaneous Discussion:

Miscellaneous discussion from committee.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.