
TOWN OF CARRBORO



STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION – SUMMARY

Remote Meeting on October 14th, 2021, 6:30 pm (Zoom)

Commission Members		Applicants	Staff
John Cox (vice-chair)	Aja Kelleher (absent)	Gordon Chadwick	Emily Cochran
Robert Dickson	Jeanette O'Connor (chair)		Randy Dodd
Jacquelyn Gist (Council)	Michael Paul		
Lauren Joca			

Administrative Matters

Minutes from September were unanimously approved.

Draft Comprehensive Plan Review

The SWAC discussed the draft Carrboro Comprehensive Review. Jeanette provided a summary of the Joint Review meeting. SWAC members provided individual review comments such as: many of the stormwater metrics need to be improved and become and also consistent with staff recommendations; a general need to prioritize hydrology (volume reduction); identified areas where the language was inaccurate or misleading (e.g. allowing in-lieu fees for developers to disregard stormwater practices, the ability to require Low Impact Development), and noted errors (incorrect picture). Members also discussed the role of disconnecting or improving impervious pavement, native vegetation, ways to incentivize community cooperation, the need for affordable housing in Town, the importance of including considerations for BIPOC citizens, potential future technical and financial assistance to residents. Lauren offered to summarize the comments and pass on to staff.

Staff Update on Stormwater Activities

Training: Stormwater staff have completed the majority of the first annual stormwater training for Public Works staff. Training is a part of multiple NPDES permit requirements, including those for education and outreach, municipal good housekeeping and well as illicit discharge detection and elimination. It has delivered results already - one employee has already reported seeing a mobile carpet cleaner discharge which resulted in a violation letter.

319 Grant: The grant continues to move through review by NCDEQ and EPA. Project partners have also applied for a Community Conservation Assistance Grant for vegetation in the grant proposal area, which was approved by Orange County Soil and Water Conservation District and submitted for regional selection.

Outreach Event: Staff participated in the kids' dog show at Anderson Park and handed out giveaways, played some games, and collected contact information for some folks interested in further outreach.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.