

Tuscaloosa City Council
Public Projects Committee
May 10, 2011

Chairman Bob Lundell (BL): Thanked Mayor and staff. Asked for report on the lake from Jimmy Junkin (JJ).

JJ: postponing the watershed and clean our lakes festival. No new dates.

Debris removal: 14 crews are segregating vegetative from construction debris. Something about 5,000 cubic yards of construction debris. Veg. site on Kicker Road Reduction site - chip - taking to wood plant to burn.

Robin Edgeworth (RE): The Corp of Engineers process. Incident Command is coordinating all efforts. Recovery & rescue - fire & volunteers.

Debris removal options: go through the Federal government; use a private contractor; use corp of engineers. Met with EPA, Corp, FEMA, EMA and AEMA. Chose to contract with the Corp of Engineers. This took us out of the financial loop. Obama's Clean Sweep Operation - mission assignment to provide debris removal. Tier 1 - pre-selected contractor is Phillips and Jordan Construction Company (www.pandj.com/) which was selected through a bid procedure before the tornado. They select their subcontractors. Under this option 90% will be paid by the federal government and 10% by the state. If chose private contractor option the Fed govt would pay 75% and the state would pay 25%. The City required the Clean Sweep program to commit to using 70-80% local contractors. The monitoring is being done by the Corp of Engineers. The decision was a "no-brainer" since it involves no local funds.

Trucks have strict requirements. Owners should contact Tara Wyatt Tubbs (TDOT) to be inspected. Need 500 trucks. Traffic control is another element. Each will have office in the intermodal facility. Apply there for job in recovery especially if you live in the recovery zone. This includes private residential property debris removal.

Tara Wyatt Tubbs: Debris removal has already started in the following: Alberta, Forest Lake and Rosedale. Will start everywhere else tomorrow.

Lee Garrison: Rebuilding.

RE: the decorative lighting is insured. Other stuff will be requested from FEMA. Already approved for category A debris removal and category B emergency response. Waiting for other damages categories to be turned on at 75/25% with the 25% breaking down as 15% State and 10% us.

WM: Corp also handling the search and rescue.

CA: where are we on requests for proposals?

TN: (1) debris removal: moot because opted to go with the Corp of engineers.
(2) professional services regarding dealing with FEMA
(*I stepped out for a few minutes...*)

Jmc: Finalizing selection of Task Force; getting input from everywhere; it will have a core work group and a community group with skills, knowledge and professional capabilities. There will also be a community steering committee.

LG: update moratorium ordinance - in recovery area on certain construction for 90 days. Will permit new construction :

- Commercial - allowed if it meets § 24-2-30's applicable standards.

- Residential - permitted where building is compatible with existing buildings in the general vicinity.

Jmc makes the initial determination and there will be an appeal process in place.

CA: Does this mainly concern construction materials?

Jmc: yes. No metal strip malls. Stop gap measure.

Destroyed City Property list is extensive.

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