

Present: Michael Halley, Jessica Ledger-Kalen, Kevin Flanagan, Pat Kessel

Points of discussion

Halley asked Kessel to provide background on his request for the city to pay \$5,000 towards a stormwater management basin on his business property across from Wal-Mart. Kessel explained that he began working with City and Wal-Mart on the stormwater issue in 2008, when Darrel Bisgard and Jerry Long discussed possible ways to manage storm water flow on property. After construction of the new Wal-Mart facility was completed former city administrator Jeff Clawson agreed to a one third split between Kessel, city, and Wal-Mart to pay for engineering and construction of a dry bed basin to manage the flow of storm water on Kessel property.

Halley and Ledger-Kalen both expressed reservations and concerns about this arrangement, but both felt obligated to follow through on Clawson's earlier commitment. Committee moved to pay \$5,000 to Kessel as per Clawson agreement.

Community Gardens

Committee discussed how best to establish community gardens as part of the city's Blue Zones Project efforts. Several city owned properties were considered, though the specifics of how the water supply will be managed and how lots will be divided were left unresolved. Committee will research options with the goal of being prepared to launch a project in spring of 2014.

Recommendations/Actions

Committee will recommend that the full council approve former administrator Clawson's offer for the city to pay \$5,000 towards stormwater management at Kessel's business property.