



## **Nampa Stormwater Program**

### **Nampa Stormwater Advisory Group (NSWAG) | Meeting #4 Summary**

Nampa Civic Center- Casler Room | 311 3<sup>rd</sup> St. S., Nampa

Tuesday, July 9, 2013 | 4:30-6 p.m.

## Overview

The Nampa Stormwater Advisory Group (NSWAG) met for its fourth meeting Tuesday, July 9 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Nampa Civic Center. NSWAG is providing input to the City of Nampa's Stormwater Program. The advisory group will help with special project development and implementation and assist the City in its continued effort to provide stormwater education and outreach to the community in Nampa.

## Objectives

At the meeting, the City:

- Presented the outcomes from May meeting
- Reviewed and provided input on three design options and content
- Discussed next steps

## Agenda/Presentations

**Welcome and introductions** | Cheryl Jenkins, City of Nampa-Stormwater Program Manager

Cheryl welcomed and thanked everyone for his or her attendance at the meeting.

**Outcomes of Meeting #3** | Cheryl Jenkins

Cheryl presented the outcomes of meeting #3 listed as followed:

- According to comment sheets from previous meeting, Indian Creek Park had the most support for the shelter and signage
- Discussed additional signage to be placed at City Acres Park and other parks in the city
- Educational programs were discussed for future use at site
  - Students would gain the opportunity to get into the water to explore wildlife and plants, learn about canals and irrigation systems, water safety, etc.
- Low literacy materials, pictures and content were discussed

**Signage Content** | Karla Nelson, City of Nampa - Public Involvement Coordinator

Content and design ideas for signage content were presented.

**Interpretive Signage** | Cheryl Jenkins

- Location
- Design options
- Next steps

**EPA and Nampa's Stormwater program** | Marylou Soscia, EPA

Marylou reviewed the EPA grant and Stormwater Program which were presented at previous meetings.

## Meeting Participants

- Jocabed Veloz, Health-Fit Designs
- Lee Van de Bogart, City of Caldwell
- Harmon Hurren, Nampa School District
- Chris Veloz, Northwest Sales
- Darrin Heaps, FM Group and LDS Church
- Thea Marie, NSD Teacher
- Rodney Ashby, City of Nampa
- Jerry Smith, I'd love Company What's On Your Mind?
- Hubert Osborne, HERMIT
- Cheryl Jenkins, City of Nampa
- Shirl Boyce, College of Western Idaho
- Karla Nelson, City of Nampa
- Rosemary Curtin, RBCI

## Meeting # 4 Summary

Meeting participants were asked to complete a comment sheet for the options for site options, design options and signage content. The following section summarizes participants' comments.

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### Signage content

- Materials will be translated into Spanish once the final content is decided. Dimensions are still to be determined as well.
- First sign will address environmental history
  - Option to add cultural history if needed, along with historical photographs
  - Wildlife pictures
- Second sign will address stormwater run-off and permeability
  - What is stormwater run-off?
  - What is permeability?
  - What is/isn't permeable?
- Third sign will be of an area map addressing where the storm drains are, where are different utilities related to stormwater, and what happens to the stormwater
- Fourth sign addresses water facts
  - What is the water cycle?
  - Water usage in the community/environment
  - Provide fun facts to draw people in, content also listed with more information
- Fifth sign addresses the water shed
  - Explains what the watershed is and how to keep the community watershed clean
  - Highlight the effects that citizens have on stormwater on signs

### Comments

- Listing short "fun" facts will engage people to read longer materials
- With just a quick glance, the pictures should convey the content
- The fonts should contrast in color to the pictures to make those words stand out
- Graphics on signs to show one's impact on the stormwater supply is important
- Large amounts of information is more important for classroom settings
- Z-shaped reading pattern was discussed by placing the most important information in a "Z" shape on the sign
- Be careful that pictures convey the positive effects a citizen can have on the stormwater system, specifically cleaning up dog waste
- Graphics and illustrations preferred over pictures because it will display continuity in the stormwater signs while photographs may be slightly different and cause dissonance
- "Where's Stormy?" play off of Where's Waldo on signs
- Incorporating interactive elements for park patrons,
  - Wetlands, trails, educational centers, magnet boards, murals, create projects for seniors/boy scouts to complete

## Site locations

- Tour and group agreed that Indian Creek Park is the best option for signage
  - In target area of grant
  - High traffic
  - Traveling playground
  - Connecting avenue in Nampa
- **Three site locations for the signage in Indian Creek Park**
  - 1) Adjacent to playground
    - Recommended site since people use the playground regularly
  - 2) Footbridge over Indian Creek
    - City owns a small parcel of land by footbridge: Rain/rock garden could be placed in this area to serve as a demonstration area
    - Make the nearby nature path more prominent
    - Fundraiser to make path: bricks for sale with names printed on them
  - 3) In-between location

## Comments

- Picnic tables can be placed under shelters to serve a dual purpose
- Projected path will run alongside creek with permeable materials (bark)
- Combining bike and pedestrian trails will provide conflict to trail users
- Outlets should be used to prevent “traffic build ups”

## Shelter designs

- Stormwater Shelter Option One
  - Original design option
- Stormwater Shelter Option Two
  - Pervious pavers instead of stamped concrete
  - Blue pervious pavers to represent a creek
  - Base and signs arrangement will be in the shape of a “dog bone” shape
  - Urban tree in the middle: too much of a hassle

## Comments

- The urban tree idea (centered tree trunk and branches at the top) pose a safety hazard for climbing children, so designs were altered to address that concern
- Pet pick up station and receptacle at the shelter site
- Mix and match design options
- Rain gutter with rain barrel is not relevant with the mesh roof
- Benches available on site, but a picnic table could also be placed at the site as well
- Inquiries about the price differences are related to the use of pervious pavers: should we spend the extra money to make the design more sustainable and eco-friendly?

#	Comments
1	<p>My choice for the design is #2 – the dog bone.  Choice for location is #1. It is more toward the center and has more room.</p>
2	<p>Keep verbage to a minimum – bullet points to tell message  Cons trail --- along Indian Creek – no asphalt! It takes away from the natural ambiance.  Will bicycles compete with the pedestrian  Site location #3 – my vote  Option #2 – my vote  Place sit are good in the shelter – table not good if only one</p>
3	<p>Location of signs (in order of preference) – site 1, site 2, site 3  Learning center design (in order of preference) – option 1, option 2</p>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• My initial impression is to use site number three for the structure and have a bridge between the garden and structure. But site one would be better for space and activity and classroom or --- and less --- especially if we can place a permiable path that connects the garden to the structure. My vote is site 1.</li> <li>• I like the ideas of bullets but also seem smaller dialog for an individual who’s interest is peaked and may desire more information.</li> <li>• My choice would be option 2. It sends this message that even though there is --- ---- cost, the benefits of long-term sustainable design --- the long-term costs. Plus it looks asthetically nicer and more inviting with an element of organic feel</li> </ul>

5	<p>Detection and --- pay – storm drains featured 4 times  I would suggest bigger picture and less of them as my attention span is short  Print is to small for quick reading  What about vandalism in Indian Creek Park?  Put a picnic table under the shelter if that is the decision to spend that much money  Site 1 preferred  If path follows Indian Creek with all of the trees maintenance would be a problem if pathway is asphalt from tree roots growing- I prefer option 2 cost maybe a factor</p>
6	<p>Site 3 best long term location. site 3 next best. Option 2 is my choice but place a concrete curb around outside of pavers to keep them from moving.  Make signs in some shape as sign boards check on sand for winter street maintenance being an illicit discharge</p>
7	<p>I like site 1 location in conjunction with a path connected to “River Walk” (Rock Garden) area across bridge.  I like the option 2 design as it promotes smart handling of stormwater.  I do not like site 3. Seems too far from the park area.</p>
8	<p>Site 1 with a trail to the foot bridge and, when possible add signage (smaller versions) along the path. Especially if we have benches along the path. Option 2 shelter is fabulous! Love the blue pavers running through the middle.</p>
9	<p>My preference for shelter locations is closest to the playground &amp; have a path that connects to bridge over Indian Creek w/ a rock garden on the other side. Ste #1 I recommend doing what you can for the path, but w/ the intent of putting the asphalt pathway in the same location in the future or just make it hard surface that is pervious for the shelter style I like option #2 as is</p>
10	<p>I like site 3 by the bridge w/ possible demo area. Site 1 offers the closeness of play area which may be bad or good! It would draw more people, but may be distracting/noisy. I would take either one. Actually, site 3 may be too far from where most people are!</p>