

Informational: Buffalo Springs Subdivision Drainage Complaints

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Anna Springs Plat.pdf;

Good Afternoon All,

I am writing to provide an update on the Buffalo Springs subdivision drainage complaints. We met this morning internally to review the claims outlined in the email below. We need to determine the role/responsibility of the City in this matter.

Drainage Ditches Running Along the Roadway: Mike and his team are maintaining the drainage ditches in the ROW; which we have seen are functioning well over the past two days considering the amount of rainfall. It may not look pretty but its working and we will continue to improve the aesthetic appearance as the ditches stabilize. This takes time.

Drainage Between the Houses: The water traversing through the drainage easements between the houses is another matter and it comes down to the executed plat notes and the law (statutory and case). We will be researching and anticipate having a policy recommendation to the Council on May 28th in Executive Session.

As this will continue to have the potential for litigation, I recommend you not engage in any discussions regarding this matter. I will inform Mr. Skinner of the status.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Fwd: Anna Springs Drainage

All,

I wanted to bring to your attention another drainage issue that has caused MAJOR damage to a resident of Buffalo Springs. Ted Gilmore, at 123 Anna Springs, just had to add 8 piers to his home, and have it raised because of the drainage issues caused his house to sink 3" inches. I am sending this email because this Vietnam Vet needs the City to do the right thing and take action. Please see the below that I received from a neighbor trying to help advocate for Mr. Gilmore and please note, I am 100% on board helping this Veteran.

"Bobby attached is the plat of the Anna Springs drainage easements (none are between Lot 16 and 17, the Russel and Gilmore lots). The water comes from across Anna Springs (from the west side ditch and then between the houses). Per the plat, the west side ditch of Anna Springs is designed to drain on the north end at the north cul-de-sac and on the south end by Sara Countryman's lot. The experts from the city need to look at maybe cutting the ditches so the water moves to either end instead of over the road and then between lots 16 & 17 as per the plat and design. Also, the east side ditches in front of these lots probably need to be adjusted (they look to be on a high spot, not very much ditch depth).

Thanks for any help you can give them with the city."

Also- the last attempt to fix the drainage has left major erosion issues and would like to know what the plan is going forward? FYI- I went out and re-buried a line, on my property, that is now exposed. When I did this, I left it buried 3+ inches below the ground and now you can see the pipe is 1" above and exposed (meaning 4" of erosion).

How much money is the City planning on homeowners spending due to the lack of the City maintaining the drainage issues? Mr. Gilmore's issue/s are costing him over 10k, the Selover's are out the money to repair that fence line. The Montg Co DA is out money pay to rebury all the lines in his yard. Then you have my property which I described up above.

I would like to have an update at our next POA meeting as this will be a major topic. We have 2 weeks until our next meeting and look forward to what I can relay to the community!

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Bobby Skinner

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