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to Thom, dukester, Dave, Alexandra

Dave: Thom Farrell and I met with Jerry Fleming (an engineer with lighting expertise) and reviewed the lighting ordinance proposal for review by CRCRC next week. A copy of the document we prepared is attached. I suggest that you review it and send it on to city staff to be in the package for the July 9 meeting.

Thom and I then convened as the subcommittee on drainage, FAR and Impervious cover. Jerry Fleming continued to be a resource, and we asked Nikki (our building official) to join us. We discussed the need or lack of need for FAR and the negative response to that idea in the survey which CRCRC did. We talked over impervious cover as a possible issue to include in our suggestions to City Council, and decided that impervious cover limitations would not achieve enough benefits in Rollingwood to be a part of our submittals

As to drainage, we heard the big machines grinding on the drainage improvements just downstream from City Hall as we talked. We asked Nikki to tell us how the inspection of building proposals was being handled now., We have two governmental entities involved, TCEQ because we are in the Barton Creek Edwards Aquifer Zone, and then if their regulations do not tell a builder what is required, the City of Rollingwood has a drainage manual. The objections to the City's ordinances (as opposed to the TCEQ rules which apply to a lot of Rollingwood developments) is that compliance is costly. Sometimes more than \$100,000. The answer would be a regional detention plan, but it is not immediately obviously how such a thing could be done. Thom wanted to explore the possibility of charging a drainage fee instead of requiring compliance on the lot (Austin charges a fee as an alternative to on the lot work). That would require that the City of Rollingwood have a drainage plan for the city to which the fee would be applied in a reasonable time period. We decided that exploring that idea was the only thing that CRCRC should do, but that requires some engineering input, and neither we nor the building department has a budget for that. We would have to ask City Council for a budget for that consultation, and doing so might get us better guidance from Council whether they really want us to be working on ideas for changing the drainage ordinances at all.

End of subcommittee report. We recommend that the subcommittee compensation which would go to our absent member, Duke, be paid instead to Jerry Fleming.

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