

June 6, 2014

Chairman Steve Brown
Vice Chairman Charles Oddo
Commissioner David Barlow
Commissioner Randy Ognio
Commissioner Allen McCarty
Fayette County Board of Commissioners
140 Stonewall Avenue West, Suite 100
Fayetteville, Georgia 30214

RE: Lake Peachtree

Dear Chairman Brown & Commissioners:

On behalf of the City, I wish to express our appreciation to the County for responding to the City's notification of voids under the Lake Peachtree spillway and for undertaking additional inspections to define these voids. As a result of those inspections, the County's engineering consultant, Piedmont Geotechnical Consultants, Inc., concluded and recommended "it is likely that the existing spillway will need to be removed and replaced, either at the current location or some other appropriate location, with a properly designed and constructed spillway based on currently accepted design standards." The consultant further recommended that the design be reviewed and approved by the Georgia Safe Dams Program in light of their current regulations.

We are also aware that the Georgia Safe Dams Program is reviewing the Lake Peachtree dam and spillway for compliance with the state Safe Dams Act. Fayette County Administrator, Steve Rapson, has notified us that the County, without consultation with the City, has retained two engineering companies, CH2MHILL and Golder, to undertake a four phase study of the dam and spillway. I understand from Mr. Rapson this study will include dam breach modeling in accordance with the Safe Dams Act and rules for dam safety. The study will also include an evaluation of "temporary modifications to the spillway which may be necessary to avoid discharge over the emergency spillway, in the event the lake is maintained in its current condition." I further understand that the study will analyze "alternative rehabilitation methods" for a temporary refilling of the Lake and provide an emergency action plan for downstream flooding if a failure of the dam were to occur.

In undertaking its studies, the City Council makes the following reasonable requests of the County:

1. Include me and to-be-identified City staff members in the deliberations concerning the appropriate temporary rehabilitation measures and long term repairs to enable the Lake to be refilled to its normal pool level;
2. Perform these studies in a concurrent and expeditious manner so as to expedite a refilling of the Lake to its normal pool level;

3. Provide the City with a list of events and schedule of those events for when the Lake will be refilled to its normal pool level; and
4. Provide the City with updates twice a month on the County consultant's progress.

To be clear, the City does not desire or consent to any solution which does not return Lake Peachtree to its normal pool level. As required by the 1985 Lake Peachtree Water Withdrawal Agreement between the City and County, the City expects the County to perform all maintenance necessary to insure that the dam, spillway and associated structures are compliant with the Safe Dams Act and Rules for Dam Safety, even if this requires the complete replacement of the dam, spillway and associated structures. The City also expects the County, in accordance with our Agreement, to pay for the costs associated with these studies and any necessary repairs to dam, spillway and associated structures, as well as the costs for removal of any excess siltation deposits in Lake Peachtree. We certainly recognize that these actions will take time to complete. There is no reason, however, to delay dredging the silt deposits. To begin that process now would show the citizens that our governments are working efficiently and diligently toward a restoration of this important City and County amenity.

Again, while we appreciate the County's endeavors thus far, our citizens and City Council strongly urge the County to promptly repair the spillway and dredge the accumulated siltation from the Lake so that Lake Peachtree may be refilled to its normal pool level as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vanessa Fleisch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "V" and "F".

Mayor Vanessa Fleisch

Cc: Steve Rapson, County Administrator
City Council, Peachtree City
Jim Pennington, City Manager