



Storm Water Task Force

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CITY OF UNIVERSITY CITY MINUTES OF THE STORM WATER TASK FORCE JANUARY 2, 2018

1. Call to Order

The third regular meeting of the Stormwater Task Force was called to order at 6:30 PM by Co-Chair John Tieman on Tuesday, January 2, 2018. The meeting site was the Heman Park Community Center on Pennsylvania Ave.

2. Attendance-Roll Call

The following members were present: Garry Aronberg, Tim Cusick, Mark Holly, Eric Karch, Irv Logan, Angelika Mueller, Bobette Patton, John Tieman, Eric Stein, Linda Sharpe-Taylor.

Also in attendance were the following City officials: Bwayne Smotherson (City Councilmember), Chris Kalter (Project Manager, Public Works Department), Mark Zaiantz (Code Enforcement).

3. Agenda

The agenda below was accepted without objection:

1. Call to order and Roll call
2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
3. Report
 - a. Survey Subcommittee
 - b. Master Plan Review Subcommittee
4. Unfinished business
 - a. Mission and vision statements
5. New Business
 - a. Maps
6. Adjournment.

4. Minutes

Messrs. Holly and Karch moved and seconded, respectively, that the minutes as shown in the DropBox and distributed at this meeting be accepted. By voice vote the minutes were accepted.

5. Survey Subcommittee Report

For the Survey Subcommittee, Mr. Holly summarized the meeting attended by Messrs. Holly, Tieman, and Aronberg. The wording was modified to include suggestions made at the last Storm Water Task Force meeting: frequency of storm water complaints, specificity of house and yard impact, to whom complaint has been made. The latest version is the December 20 version in the Dropbox and attached to these minutes. The survey is to be distributed in an upcoming issue of the Roars and through Survey Monkey. The Roars version can be returned by mail.

Chairman Tieman asked for comments. There were no comments. So Chairman Tieman asked that the survey be forwarded to City Staff for publication in Roars and in Survey Monkey.

6. Neighboring Community Subcommittee

Messrs. Cusick and Aronberg and Ms. Patton meet and had later had verbal input from Angelika Mueller and Eric Karch to identify features of storm water programs of neighboring communities.

Most frequent problems considered by neighboring communities were overflow of creeks, basement flooding from overflowing creeks, basement backups from sewers, yard ponding. Most communities follow least MSD Rules and Regulations. Some communities have more stringent water quality standards than MSD. Some communities require that even small new developments have no increase in runoff.

Currently, MSD funding small. Other communities such as Ladue, Town & Country, St. Peters have half-cent sales tax for parks and stormwater. Ladue and St. Peters (and U. City) have also won some Section 319



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grants. Most communities collect much less than the identified storm water needs. University City has sales tax that collects about \$600,000 to be split between parks and storm water. MSD is going to ask the public to fund stormwater through an impervious surface tax.

MSD had designed ponding and bank erosion mitigation projects in U. City but MSD currently has no floodplain buyouts, but MSD may participate with U. City and USACE with buyouts that are currently being studied.

Ladue as a matter of policy does not participate in floodplain buyouts. But such a policy is not a likely an appropriate in U. City.

Discussion from floor centered around the following concepts:

- U. City likely to need to adopt priorities and ordinances that are much different from upstream communities and less densely populated communities.
- We should explore a decrease of runoff from upstream communities.

7. Mission and Vision

The discussion of mission and vision was tabled until after we have more data to clarified problems and solutions.

8. Maps

Samples of Flood Insurance Rate Maps were distributed and Messrs. Karsh and Aronberg discussed their symbols and use.

9. New Business

9.1. Systematically Track Storm Water Issues of Task Force

Mr. Cusick moved that the Task Force start accumulating a list of issues to be studied in detail as a basis for recommendations to the Council. Issues are to be added to the list by motion and be listed in the meeting agenda. Subcommittees are to be assigned to research and lead discussions of those issues. Following discussion, the motion passed.

9.2. Storm Water Issues of the Task Force

Several items were added to the *Issue List* by motion by Linda Sharpe-Taylor followed by discussion and accepted by consensus. The issues added are:

- Early warning of floods;
- Identify larger storm water sources;
- Identify agencies that can assist us in developing storm water solutions and funding.

10. Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be the first Tuesday in February, February 6, 2018, at 6:30 PM in the Community Center on Pennsylvania Ave in Heman Park.

11. Adjournment

By consensus the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 PM.

Minutes were prepared by Garry Aronberg.

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We, the **University City Storm Water Task Force**, want and need your input. Our challenge is to better understand the extent and nature of storm water drainage issues in our community. Below is a brief survey to get us started. Your input is essential to understanding where and what type of storm water issue(s) you may have. You may communicate your survey input by doing one of the following:

- Complete the survey below, fold then tape shut, add a stamp, and return via US postal mail.
- Complete the survey online by going to [www. ... \(Doodle Survey Link\) ...](#)
- Call (314) 505-8560 to complete the survey by phone.

Name _____ (provide name and a way to contact you)

Address _____ Email _____ Phone _____

Survey Questions

	YES	NO	Frequency (check square)		
			More than once a year	Once a year	Every few years
Do excessive puddles or standing water develop on/or near your property after storms?					
IN your yard, do flash flooding or intense high-speed gushes of water, occur after a rainstorm?					
After a storm, does your basement flood?					
Is soil washed away, causing erosion in your yard after a storm?					
Does water rise and overflow onto or nearby your property from a river or stream after a storm?					
Near your house, is the soil or ground around a creek bank washed away or eroded after a storm?					
Do excessive puddles or standing water develop in the street(s) near your property after a storm?					
Do nearby streets flood after a storm?					
If water has entered your home, please circle the best description of the circumstance: A. Leaks in the walls or floor. B. Windows or window wells. C. Doors D. Basement floor drain	A	B	C	D	
Have you ever reported storm water problems to (circle any that apply): A. Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD) B. St. Louis County C. University City D. Your Insurance Company E. Other (specify) _____	A	B	C	D	E

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