**MINUTES OF THE Stormwater Commission**

**September 1, 2020**

1. Call to Order. The second meeting of the Stormwater Commission (Commission) was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chair Todd Thompson.
2. Attendance-Roll Call. The following Commission members were present via virtual meeting (Zoom): Garry Aronberg, Bob Criss, Mark Holly, Eric Karch, Eric Stein, Todd Thompson. Also in attendance were Tim Cusick, Councilman and Sinan Alpaslan, Director of Public Works and Parks.
3. Agenda. The following agenda was accepted without objection: *Roll Call; Approval of Agenda; Approval of Minutes; Citizen Participation; New Business (August 9 storm and flooding, Grant funding from FEMA and MSD; Upper River des Peres Flood Risk Reduction; St. Louis University Water Institute Flood Mitigation and Response ); Old Business( Bylaws, Flooding Early Warning System update); Miscellaneous Business; Council Liaison Comments; Adjournment.*
4. Minutes. An amendment was offered: the location of the stream gage is at the Olive near Haffner crossing rather than Purdue Ave Crossing. The minutes were approved as amended.
5. Citizen Comments. There were no citizen comments.
6. Committee Reports. Communications with the public had been discussed at the previous Commission meeting. Mr. Karch volunteered to examine the Website as a communication tool and report suggestions to the Commission.
7. New Business.
	* *August 9 Storm and Flooding*. Discussion of the storm and flooding highlighted:
		+ Evacuations at Hafner Ct apartments were necessary.
		+ Flash flooding near Groby and Glenside occurred.
		+ City has come to realize that renters are unaware of the flooding hazard and need to purchase renter’s insurance. City has added sign in the Westover and Hafner area informing the flood hazard and indicating the highwater mark.
		+ Commission should develop communication with residents of the frequently flooded areas about the dangers and self-mitigation of damage.
		+ A motion was made (Mr. Aronberg, Mr. Holly) and passed to establish a subcommittee to examine and report to the Commission improving the communications with residents of the dangers, frequency, and mitigation of flooding. Messrs. Criss, Karch, and Stein volunteered to be members of the Communication Subcommittee and were so appointed by Chair Thompson.
	* *Grant Funding.* To inform us, Mr. Alpaslan discussed grants that the City will be seeking: BRIC from SEMA and FEMA; MSD Project Clear. BRIC is a re-imbursement program. Project Clear funding may be applicable to Lewis Park, Westover, Ruth Park, and a few other sites.
	* *Upper River des Peres Risk Study by USACE.* Updating of study is now resumed. Mitigation considered: buyouts, detention, raising structures. Mr. Alpaslan will invite Mr. Sullivan of USACE to a Commission meeting to discuss the study.
8. Old Business
	* *Early Warning.* Three salvaged light poles have been obtained are in storage in University City. Mr. Alpaslan will coordinate installation in Fogarty Park, Indian Meadows in Olivette (path of prevailing storms). Initially the data would be distributed to police and fire departments. After calibration is completed, wider distribution will begin.
9. Council Liaison Councilman Cusick made the following comments:
	* New development is progressing along Olive and Delcrest. Economic assistance for Loop businesses is under consideration.
	* We are one commissioner short. Council hopes to identify a commissioner from the Third Ward.
10. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM following a motion moved and seconded by Messrs. Karsh and Stein.
11. Minutes Preparation. Minutes were prepared by Garry Aronberg.

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