



Storm Water Task Force
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MINUTES OF THE STORMWATER COMMISSION January 5, 2010

1. **Call to Order.** The fifth meeting of the Stormwater Commission (Commission) was called to order at 6:33 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; Sinan Alpaslan, Director of Public Works; John Mulligan, City Attorney.
3. **Agenda.** The following agenda was accepted without objection: *Roll Call; Approval of Agenda; Approval of Minutes; Citizen Participation; New Business; Old Business; Subcommittee Reports, Miscellaneous Business; Council Liaison Comments; Adjournment.*
4. **Minutes.** The December 2020 minutes were approved with a correction: 24-inch pipe should be added to the list of storm sewers downstream from 8444 Old Bonhomme Road.
5. **Citizen Comments.** There were no citizen comments.
6. **New Business.**
 - Report of Communications Subcommittee. Mr. Criss, Commission Member, presented a series of slides and lead a discussion regarding the stormwater education and outreach to the community.
 - Stormwater problem:
 - Probably over one million dollars of stormwater damage occurs in University City each year.
 - Usually that damage occurs with intense rainfall lasting no more than two hours overflowing undersized sewers and channels.
 - Channelization, loss of storage, obstructions at bridges contribute greatly to flooding.
 - Components of Outreach:
 - Floodproofing;
 - Record or history of damage and impacts – to recognize trends, successes, limitations:
 - Photos with dates and location of flood waters both indoors and outdoors,
 - Flood mitigation and protection references with easy widespread access such as library and cloud-based or a website – City electronic files may have accessibility restrictions,
 - Lecture series,
 - Raise awareness:
 - Signs and gage staffs to indicate flood levels if Council approves signs and staff,
 - Articles in *Roars*.
 - **Motion:** Communication Subcommittee of Messrs Strein, Karch, Criss is authorized to gather flood related photos and establish a City library-based and city file system or cloud-based archive for the photos and other stormwater data. Gathering of data may be by articles and announcement in *Roars* and by other methods identified and chosen by the Subcommittee. Archives such as an electronic database may be at locations and methods chosen by the Subcommittee. Data is to be organized and non-confidential data is to be made available to the public. Subcommittee will give report of progress and status to the Commission from time to time. Motion made and seconded by Messrs. Aronberg and Holly. Motion passed by voice vote.
 - Length of Meetings. After a discussion, Commission members recognized the need to be succinct during discussions. Public comments should generally be limited to five minutes with a few questions. Use of subcommittees to gather information and reports to the Commission can be used rather than frequent lengthy discussion during the Commission meetings. Commission meeting can then be carried-on in a



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reasonable time frame – generally about 90 minutes.

7. Old Business

- Bylaws. The commission discussed the bylaws draft of December 10.
 - Mr. Mulligan suggested that submission of agenda item lead time be reduced to 48 hours before the meeting to give the Commission flexibility to set the agenda and sufficient time to make notice.
 - **Motion: Adopt the bylaws and file with the City Clerk. Moved and second by Messrs. Aronberg and Stein. Motion passed by voice vote.**
- Early Warning.
 - Installation of two poles is now underway.
 - Negotiation for the location of third pole upwind in Olivette is ongoing.
 - Delivery of rain gauges is expected in December.
 - Messrs. Stein and Criss will work on software startup and test runs which may take six months.
 - Communications subcommittee may discuss issuing of warning methods and protocol to lead a discussion at a future Commission meeting. City Administration and Council will make final decision on method and protocol.
- Stormwater Master Plan.
 - RFQ for a stormwater consultant to prepare a stormwater plan has not yet been issued.
 - The selection panel will include the commission except for Messrs. Aronberg and Karch.
 - City Manager Rose and Public Works Director Alpaslan have determined that Messrs. Aronberg and Karch have no conflict of interest if they recuse themselves from consultant selection evaluation panel.

8. Miscellaneous Business

- OMCI Tax
 - Mr. Alpaslan indicated that collection of \$300,000 per year of MSD's operation and maintenance tax has started. Money may be accumulated to fund large projects – it need not be spent each year.
 - MSD and the City will each direct the spending of half the OMCI tax. The City may fund stormwater staff, stormwater projects such as master plans, maintenance, and capital projects.
- Open Seat. The Commission has one open seat. We should identify another member.

9. Subcommittee Reports. No new report.

10. Council Liaison. Councilman Cusick made the following comments: redevelopments centered on the Costco and Delcrest continue to be topics of the Council. Thanks for moving the early warning system forward.

11. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM (motion and second by Messrs. Holly and Aronberg).

Minutes Preparation. Minutes were prepared by Garry Aronberg.

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