



Storm Water Commission  
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## MINUTES OF THE STORMWATER COMMISSION May 3, 2022

1. **Call to Order.** The twenty-second meeting of the Stormwater Commission (Commission) was called to order at 6:35 PM by Chair Todd Thompson.
2. **Attendance-Roll Call.** The following Commission members were present at the Community Center: Garry Aronberg, Bob Criss, Mark Holly, Eric Karch, Todd Thompson, Eric Stein. Also in attendance were Tim Cusick, Councilman, Sinan Alpaslan, Director of Public Works, John Mulligan, City Attorney.
3. **Agenda.** The Following Agenda was approved by voice vote (motion and second: Messrs. Karch, Criss):  
Roll Call; Approval of Agenda; Approval of Minutes; Announcements by Commissioners, Citizen Comments  
Committee Reports: Early Warning, Communication, New Business, Old Business, Council Liaison  
Comments; Adjournment.
4. **Minutes.** The minutes of the April 5, 2022, Commission meeting were approved with the correction listed below (Messrs. Holly and Stein, voice vote approval).
  - Location of the meeting was the Community Center - in Item 2.
5. **Announcements**
  - The Commission will receive an award for floodplain management from the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) at the ASFPM national meeting in Orlando on May 19. The award will be mailed to us since none of the Commissioners or Staff can attend the meeting.
  - We still have an opening for a commissioner. Doug Gilberg, who was to be nominated to the Commission, is not yet eligible because he has not been a resident long enough – one year.
  - A couple of weeks ago, Dr Criss happened upon a sewer leak-caused void under a street – a sink hole. Because of his prompt report, no one was injured. The void has been repaired.
6. **Citizen Comments.**
  - None
7. **Subcommittee Reports.**
  - *Communication Subcommittee.*
    - No new information presented.
  - *Early Warning*
    - Mr. Stein will send already prepared presentations, articles, and reports about the early warning system to Jeff Riepe of MSD to keep him informed.
    - Mr. Aronberg will share MFSMA call for papers with Commissioners.
8. **New Business**
  - Commission will enforce the citizen comment limit of five minutes per speaker as required by the Commission's bylaws. Further, we will ask speakers to submit written materials ahead of the meeting for early distribution to the Commissioners so that Commissioners can consider presentations thoroughly.
9. **Old Business.**
  - 8436 and 8444 Old Bonhomme basement and yard flooding:
    - Funding of private residential floodproofing will likely be discussed at a Council study session.
    - The 8436 and 8444 Old Bonhomme site may be MSD's responsibility – MSD recognizes that the



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- installed sewer is too small.
- OMC1 funding might be used to install flood proofing planks at the basement garage doors of 8436 and 8444 The Old Bonhomme site. City officials are evaluating the property owners' request for City funds to install flood proofing planks at their garage doors.
- Master Plan Survey Mailing
  - Survey questionnaires are being mailing now.
  - Mr. Alpaslan will place encouragement to respond to questionnaires on electronic bulletin boards.
  - HR Green will give Councilman Cusick and the Commission weekly updates of the questionnaire respondents. Councilman Cusick and Commissioner Criss will visit with floodplain non-respondents to encourage survey participation.
- USACE Report
  - The report is now available for public comment.
  - Overland is very cooperative with the detention option investigation. Overland will obtain appraisal valuation of the site to aid in regulatory approval of the detention option.
  - Detention option meetings among Corps, University City, and Overland officials is continuing.
  - After Crops study is approved, additional Congressional authorization will be needed to get federal funding. Then City will have to appropriate City's share – 35%.
  - The City might engage a lobbyist to encourage Congressional funding aid for the stormwater and other projects in University City.

#### **10. Councilman Cusick Comments.**

- Council Cusick encouraged participation in the Memorial Day run as a runner or a volunteer. Mr. Karch is volunteer coordinator.
- Cosco is scheduled to open in the fall.
- After recent voting of the public, the Council will consider revenue sources other than a new sales tax to fund pensions.
- Road improvements near the Cosco development are almost finished, so traffic disruptions will be reduced.

#### **11. Adjournment** was at 7:46 (Holly, Thompson) motion passed.

Minutes were prepared by Garry Aronberg.

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