**MINUTES OF THE Stormwater Commission**

**September 7, 2021**

1. Call to Order. The *fifteenth* meeting of the Stormwater Commission (Commission) was called to order at 6:36 PM by Chair Todd Thompson.
2. Attendance-Roll Call. The following Commission members were present in person at the Heman Park 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 accepted (Holly, Aronberg): *Roll Call; Approval of Agenda; Approval of Minutes; Citizen Participation; New Business; Old Business – Floodproofing Survey, Relief Map, USACE Upper River Des Peres Flood Risk Management Draft General Reevaluation Report- Update, Flood Early Warning System; Subcommittee Reports – FEWS, Communications; Miscellaneous Business – Conditonal letter of Map Revision – Info, Request Form for Citizen Communication; Council Liaison Comments; Adjournment.*
4. Minutes. The minutes of the August 3, 2021, Commission meetings were accepted by voice vote with correction of Chriss to Criss in Item 4 (Messrs. Holly, Criss).
5. Citizen Comments. There were no citizen comments.

New Business. No new business was discussed.

1. Old Business and Subcommittee Reports.

* Floodproofing survey connected with the USACE flood mitigation study
  + Corps can’t give us owner names within study area for a survey unless OMB reviews and approves the survey. To avoid bureaucracy and risk of losing funding, our survey cannot mention Corps study.
  + Recent investigation of cost of a City-wide survey is $10,000 to $15,000 for mail including the return envelopes.
  + Motion: The Stormwater Commission advises the Council that University City should object to USACE and OMB not allowing University City to survey the community about participation in buyouts and floodproofing (Stein and Chriss). Moton passed by voice.
  + We can identify the addresses ourselves; Corps address data is unnecessary.
* The Commissioners want to have public meetings on flood problems.
* USACE Mitigation Study
  + Several of the commissioners stated that the cost and extent of mitigation is unreasonably high.
  + City Manager will meet with the USACE District Engineer to encourage continued closer cooperation with University City to make the mitigation alternatives realistic.
  + Mr. Sinan discussed Corps-provided funding for stormwater and flooding mitigation: Congress, Missouri Healthy Watershed Fund, Section 319 grants, BRIC, sales tax. An East-West gateway regional resolution and region-wide plan can be used as basis for grant applications. Mr. Alpaslan will contact E-W Gateway Coordinating Council to begin the process of using the EW Gateway resolution, questionnaire, and plan. Resolution is a component of many grant applications.
  + USACE indicated that Fed share of mitigation will be limited to 65 percent of TCP cost.
* 3-D Map. Mr. Holly reported on the 3-D relief map: Blocks have been printed. Artists are preparing to paint the 3-D map.
* Early warning system. Foundation has been installed for the pole for third rainfall gage. The pole will be installed in Olivette. Olivette staff have been very helpful and cooperative.
* Communications
  + OMCI application for Lewis Park inlets has been submitted to MSD.
  + 7500 Amherst residents have identified significant erosion of a nearby creek. The erosion is very close to a house.
  + The owner of 7103-05 Amherst has asked for City to help to reduce nearby street flooding. The City has advised the owner to contact MSD. The City will clear debris in an emergency situation from nearby inlets.
  + A application for a CLOMR has been submitted for a branch of River Des Peres at Olive at McKnight. It appears not to impact more than the applicant’s property.

1. Miscellaneous Business. None
2. Council Cusick Comments.

* Demolition of old buildings near at Olive / 170 continues for the Novus Development.
* A QuickTrip is proposed for the northeast corner of Olive and North & South Road
* There is an opening on the Stormwater Commission.

1. Adjournment was at 8:25 by motion (Messrs. Holly and Karch). Passed by voice vote.

Intended Attachments:

Agenda

Minutes Preparation. Minutes were prepared by Garry Aronberg.

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