



Storm Water Commission  
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**Draft: MINUTES OF THE STORMWATER COMMISSION  
October 4, 2022**

**Call to Order.** The twenty-sixth meeting of the Stormwater Commission (Commission) was called to order at 6:32 PM by Chair Todd Thompson via zoom.

1. **Attendance-Roll Call.** The following Commission members were present at the Community Center: Garry Aronberg, Robert Criss, Mark Holly, Eric Karch, Todd Thompson, Eric Stein. Also in attendance were; Darren Dunkle, Director of Parks, Forestry, and Recreation and Acting Director of Public Works; Gene Kuelker Acting Assist Director of Publics Works; John Mulligan, City Attorney.
2. **Agenda.** The following agenda was approved with addition by Mr. Stein: update to request for information from MSD and request for City Web Site. Agenda as modified was accepted by voice vote (motion and second: Messrs. Thompson, Holly):  
Roll Call; Approval of Agenda; Approval of Minutes; Announcements by Commissioners; Citizen Comments  
New Business; Old Business; Committee Reports; Council Liaison Comments; Adjournment.
3. **Minutes.** The minutes of the September 6, 2022, Commission meeting were approved by voice vote with changes: remove attachments about questionnaire results and early warning that were mistakenly added to September minutes (they are part of the August minutes) (Messrs. Holly, Criss).
4. **Announcements from the Commissioners.**
  - Dr. Criss suggested a new subcommittee be established to monitor water levels in River des Peres. **Motion: Commission establish Subcommittee on Monitoring of Water Level in and near River Des Peres.** Passed by voice vote (Karch, Thompson). Chairman Thompson appointed Dr. Criss, Messrs. Karch, Stein, and Holly as members.
  - Dr. Criss: Motion: Commission to suggest to Council that commendation be given to Brian Beard who rescued two people on Waldon and City police and fire personnel that risked own lives during July 26 flood to help residents reach safety. Passed (Criss, Holly).
  - Mr. Thompson reported that at Home Depot, FEMA personnel were conducting *outreach* encouraging people to contact the FEMA office, explore flood protection methods, and contact Homeland Security speaker's bureau.
  - Mr. Karch: We have been contacted by the *NOAA inundation mapping group*. NOAA requested high water mark data collected by Dr. Criss and Mr. Stein. Dr. Criss indicated that the data will be published soon in a professional journal.
  - Mr. Thompson *commended* Mr. Steins and Chief Henson's education outreach on KETC's Donnybrook.
  - Mr. Thompson encouraged that the Commission resume *meeting in person*.
5. **Citizen Comments.**
  - none
6. **New Business.**
  - Mr. Stein: *Floodproofing* measures.
    - Basement flooding from shallow surface flooding can be prevented by installing glass block windows and doors or lips at top of outside basement stairways.
    - After discussion, Mr. Dunkel volunteered to discuss with SEMA public education about and funding for floodproofing against shallow flooding despite NFIP recommendations. The floodproofing techniques will be glass block windows replacing conventional basement windows and lips or doors installed at the top of outside basement stairwells.



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## 7. Old Business.

- *MSD data*: Mr. Dunkle has requested from MSD flood elevation data and reauthorization of our access to MSD region-wide rain gauges and information about whether the River des Peres tunnel was blocked or had insufficient capacity for the July storm.
- *Web Site*: A new communication manager will be starting week of October 10. Mr Dunkle will present the Commission's web site request to that new manager.
- Commission *communication tools*:
  - Commissioners will renew efforts to establish a shelf at library when library returns to remolded library.
  - Mr. Dunkle will research status of installing high water signs in City.
  - City has already sought flood elevation data from public and received a good response.
  - Mr. Kuelker will follow-up to determine whether City collected damage assessments and elevation data about the recent storm.
  - Mr. Dunckle will research installation of staff gauges. Mr. Stein reported that the visual gauges have been purchased already.
  - Commission will prepare Roars articles and lecture on flood proofing. Mr. Stein will prepare a short article on flood proofing for late fall edition of Roars. Mr. Dunkle will inquire about using a City meeting room for Commissioners to present a lecture on floodproofing – maybe council chambers.
  - There is now no formal system to collect stormwater complaints. Mr. Mulligan pointed out that City has list of condemned properties related to recent flood.

## 8. Subcommittee Reports.

- *Early warning*. Chief Henson and Messrs. Stein and Criss are meeting Friday, October 7, with Code Red operators to get the early warnings connected.

## 9. Councilman Cusick Comments.

- No report, Councilman Cusick is out of town.

## 10. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn made at 7:45 PM (Holly, Thompson). Motion passed.

Minutes Preparation. Minutes were prepared by Garry Aronberg.

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