

Storm Water Commission 6801 Delmar Boulevard, University City, Missouri 63130,

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MINUTES OF THE STORMWATER COMMISSION December 6, 2022

Call to Order. The twenty-sixth meeting of the Stormwater Commission (Commission) was called to order at 6:35 PM by Acting Chair Eric Karsh.

- 1. Attendance-Roll Call. The following Commission members were present at the Community Center: Garry Aronberg, Robert Criss, Mark Holly, Eric Karch, Eric Stein. Todd Thompson was absent. 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 modified agenda was approved by voice vote (Messrs. Karch, Holly):

 Roll Call; Approval of Agenda; Old Business: Approval of Minutes; Announcements by Commissioners;

 Citizen Comments New Business; Committee Reports; Council Liaison Comments; Adjournment. k
- **3. Minutes.** The minutes of the November 17, 2022, Commission meeting were approved by voice vote without changes (Messrs. Stein, Criss).

4. Old Business.

- Mr. Dunkle reported on several items
 - Missouri State Emergency Management Agency"s (SEMA) Linda Olson has indicated that SEMA would present public information seminars on topics such as flood damage protection and floodproofing. We can set dates and topics after the current SEMA work crush caused by the July and August flooding.
 - o The number of flood insurance policy holders in University City is available. Mr. Dunkle will email to Commissioners his recent presentation on that topic.
 - The fifth floor of City Hall (Council Chambers) is available for Commission-sponsored public education meetings and seminars. The Commission needs to identify topics and dates and coordinate around the use of the Council Chamber's other scheduled dates.
- Website
 - If we use a standalone website, the Council will have to approve. A new Director of Communications and Manager of IT will be hired soon.
 - Their hiring is necessary for the City to implement our website.
- Funding for posting signs of highwater marks will be in the next budget. The Commission should recommend location of high-water signs.
- Commission's article about early warning will be in the next Roars. Commission can insert articles in each issue of Roars. The next deadline is Jan 5 for the March, April, May issue of Roars.
- Damage assessment has been prepared by Tim Scott of Buildings Department. Data is based on visual inspection. Mr. Stein is arranging a meeting with Mr. Scott with the monitoring subcommittee.
- 5. Announcements from the Commissioners.
 - none

6. Citizen Comments.

- No speakers
- Guests: Hilarie Hunt 8217 Appleton Drive, Tom Sullivan: 751 Syracuse
- 7. New Business.
 - none



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8. Subcommittee Reports.

- Early Waring Mr. Stein
 - Fire Department command staff will examine warnings before issuing notice to preclude issuing warnings inappropriately.
 - System needs to add an averaging routine: about \$2000. Eric will discuss the additional software programming with be discussed with Chief Hinson and then discuss with the Commission at a later meeting.
 - o Code Red coordination with early warning needs a City PM to push it through to implementation.
- Monitoring Mr. Holly
 - o Inundation-property map data is available in pdf. GIS and Google formats will be available in near future after Dr Criss paper is published.
 - Data gap is first floor elevation.
 - Motion: Recommend that the City hire surveyors to obtain elevation of main floor of every structure within the July flood inundated boundary. Accuracy should be within 0.1 ft. (Karch, Stein). Passed by voice vote.
- Communication Karch
 - The Communication Committee has developed a public education presentation on floodproofing and self-help flood protection.
 - The Committee will identify other public information topics and schedule presentations,
 - The committee will evaluate flood disclosure documents and posting of high-water signs.

9. Councilman Cusick Comments.

- Our minutes are now on City Website.
- Councilman Cusick as discussed lagging implementation of Code Red-early warning system with City Manager Rose. Implementation will be hastened.
- Councilman Cusick is working with Mr. Rose to schedule a work session presentation by Dr. Criss about flooding data.
- History of flooding disclosure notice system will be implemented
- 10. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn made at 7:50 PM (Criss, Holly). Motion passed.

Minutes Preparation. The minutes were prepared by Garry Aronberg.

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