

Storm Water Commission 6801 Delmar Boulevard, University City, Missouri 63130, Phone: (314) 505-8560, Fax: (314) 862-0694

# Draft: MINUTES OF THE STORMWATER COMMISSION April 5, 2022

- 1. Call to Order. The twenty-first 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 at the Community Center: Garry Aronberg, Bob Criss, Mark Holly, 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. Thompson, Aronberg):

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 March 1, 2022, Commission meeting were approved (Messrs. Thompson and Holly, voice vote approval).

## 5. Announcements

- USGS meter has been malfunctioning but has been repaired.
- Councilman Cusick introduced Doug Gilberg may be nominated to serve on the Commission by Councilman Smotherson.

### 6. Citizen Comments.

• Two speakers will speak during new Business section.

### 7. Subcommittee Reports.

- Communication Subcommittee.
  - Criss's Hydrologic time scale paper accepted for publication... showing RDP is one of the flashiest rivers.
  - Professional website developer will be invited to a future meeting to discuss what we can do with the site.
- Early Warning
  - Earl warning system info will be sent to Jeff Riepe of MSD.
  - Nine stage sensors have been installed in RDP by Commissioners Criss and Stein.
- USACE report:
  - Thompson and Alpaslan had a mtg on detention plan including MSD's Jeff Riepe. NEPA and Open Space Park Grant money are concerns regarding the Overland-Woodson Road detention basin feasiblity.
  - May 3 is next USACE milestone.
  - Overland is supportive and willing to work through National Park Service concerns.
  - USACE has provided us with windshield survey data.

### 8. New Business

• 8436 and 8644 Old Bonhomme – Will Wainwright and Edmond Koh, respectively, discussed flooding from street overflow into their yards.



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- City Share of Deer Creek OMCI funds could be used for 8436 and 8644 Old Bonhomme storm improvements but insufficient balance now for sewer replacement project.
- Mr. Alpaslan informed us that MSD is developing a project for that area to upsize sewers in the area -- but MSD's program is unlikely to be implemented soon.
- Wainwright:
  - Garages are in basements, so driveways lie lower than the street. Stormwater frequently overtops curb and flows into his basement and into Mr. Koh's basement.
  - He urged new sewer to 600-ft to northwest.
  - Mr. Wainwright discussed other alternatives City should consider In lieu of new public sewer:
    - Discussed closing off his drive and under-house garage.
    - Discussed flood proofing basement garage doors with commercially available floodproofing planks.
  - Would like City financial assistance for the planking floodproofing option.
- Koh pointed-out that the drainage that overtops the curb is public water in private property.
- Motion (Aronberg, Thompson): In response to property owners request, Commission recommends City of U City fund floodproofing planks at 8436 and 8444 Old Bonhomme garage doors. Passed by voice.
- Motion: (Criss, Stein) Commission recommends that the City use OMCI money for Floodproofing projects. Passed by voice vote.

### 9. Old Business.

- Stormwater survey: ready to print and mail...but not postage pre-paid. Mailing in two weeks.
- Stein, Criss, Cusick will visit houses that have not responded.
- Code red frequently asked questions may be mailed at another time; not with the questionnaire.

### 10. Councilman Cusick Comments.

- U City in Bloom April 29 weekend
- Loop food festival soon
- Memorial Day run
- Ruth Park Woods cleanup is progressing, and volunteers are sought.
- Library is open in temporary quarters in kitty corner southwest from City Hall.
- Costco on schedule to open in the fall.
- **11. Adjournment** was at 8:59 (Holly, Stein) motion passed.

Minutes Preparation. Minutes were prepared by Garry Aronberg.

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