



Storm Water Commission
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MINUTES OF THE STORMWATER COMMISSION December 6, 2022

Call to Order. The twenty-eighth 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.**
 - 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 Warning – 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.**
 - Code Red coordination with early warning needs a City PM to push it through to implementation.
- Monitoring – Mr. Holly
 - 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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