



Storm Water Task Force
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MINUTES OF THE STORMWATER COMMISSION January 4, 2022

1. **Call to Order.** The *eighteenth* meeting of the Stormwater Commission (Commission) was called to order at 6:35 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.
3. **Agenda.**
 - By agreement New Business was taken up first.
 - By motion (moved and second by Messrs. Holly and Aronberg) and voice vote, the typical agenda of the Commission was modified by voice vote after a discussion. The new agenda categories and order will be as follows: Roll Call; Approval of Agenda; Approval of Minutes; Citizen Comments, Announcements by Commissioners, Committee Reports: USACE Upper River des Peres Flood Risk Management, Early Warning, Communication, New Business, Old Business, Council Liaison Comments; Adjournment.
4. **Minutes.** The minutes of the December 7, 2021, Commission meeting were approved by voice vote as amended by Mr. Karch's email (Messrs. Holly and Criss).
5. **Citizen Comments.** There were no citizen comments.
6. **New Business**
 - Motion to adopt a New Agenda (Holly, Aronberg) passed by Voice vote after a discussion to move Commission to a more productive meetings that would emphasize new ideas. The new categories and order is as follows:
 - Call to order, attendance roll call, Approval of Agenda, Approval of Minutes, Citizen Comment, Announcements by Commissioners, Subcommittee Reports, New business, Old Business, Council Liaison Comments, Adjournment.
7. **Announcements**
 - Mr. Aronberg: The Vision 2040 Task Force encourages Commissioners to complete the Vision survey:
 - <https://lab2.future-iq.com/university-citys-community-visioning-> pan down to survey or go directly to
 - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/UCityCommunitySurvey>The Vision process is an important aid to developing a new Comprehensive Plan for the University City.
 - Mr. Cusick: Visit Ruth Park Woods. Undergoing a cleaning of invasives and understory. Visitor experience is improved. Please visit.
 - Dr. Criss: Pennsylvania Ave Bridge and Groby Bridge over River des Peres seem undersized and choked with silt. Dr. Criss recently surveyed the Pennsylvania Avenue bridge conditions. Mr. Alpaslan indicted that the removal of silt may be placed on the capital improvement project list and be partially funded by OMCI funding.
 - Mr. Alpaslan: Other CIP ideas to also use OMCI funds to mitigate bank erosion near 7500 block of Amherst.
 - Mr. Karch: River Des Peres Watershed Coalition is looking for a speaker for February 9 meeting to discuss the U City Stormwater Commission activities. Mr. Holly volunteered to make a 10-minute presentation.
8. **Subcommittee Reports.**
 - Risk Management Subcommittee (Messrs. Thompson, Karch, Alpaslan)
 - University City officials will be unable to adjust the USACE final list of buyouts sites after the Corps report is finished and not during detailed design phase. City officials can have only indirect impact on the selection of buyouts at this time although the Corps will consider social justice in their final selection.
 - Motion (Messrs. Aronberg and Karch) to have Risk Management Subcommittee prepare recommendation to Council regarding the Corps-prepared Upper River des Peres Flood Risk



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Mitigation Study. The recommendation should make the points listed below:

- Advise Council to ask Corps to prepare a Locally Preferred Plan to construct a detention basin at the upstream edges of the River des Peres in Overland just upstream of University City. Corps draft reports refer to the detention basin as DB4. Further the City should pursue floodplain buyouts and floodproofing by non-Corps grants.
- The Subcommittee should prepare a memorandum report that summarizes highlights of the Corps study and impact of the Corps recommendations:
 - Detention option has been partially evaluated by the Corps already and will reduce the height of floods in University City.
 - Extensive study of floodplain buyouts, the buyouts would be mandatory if University accepted Corps grants.
 - Extensive study of floodproofing but no guarantee of neighborhood cohesion.
 - Corps recommendations are inflexible and Corps plan does not meet the goal to support life safety and minimize property property damage.
 - Inundation, a key safety issue was poorly examined by the Corps.
- The Risk Management Subcommittee should keep in contact with the USACE Risk Management report team; clarify City's position, request all the data the Corps has collected.
- The Stormwater Management Plan may be used to support non-Corps grant applications.
- Early Warning (Messrs. Stein and Criss)
 - Three gages now running. The gauge vendor has integrated the three gauges.
 - Subcommittee will meet with Fire Department Chief Hinson to help Chief Hinson coordinate with the early warning system output and help develop a response program.
 - Creek water level sensors have been ordered.
- Communication committee –
 - Roars, March, April, May due date soon: January 13
 - Mr. Aronberg will prepare a short paragraph for the Stormwater Commission Section
 - Mr. Stein will prepare a paragraph or two about the Early Warning system development and channel gaging.
 - Web page – Mr. Criss has developed a web page hosted temporarily to contain the Commission's library of reports, photos, and other data. The web page is Washington U. domain.
 - The subcommittee continues to examine ways to store our stormwater data and share it.

9. Old Business.

- SEMA education on insurance from SEMA office has staff to attend one of our meetings – Sinan will arrange for a future meeting.

10. Councilman Cusick Comments.

- Midland at Olive fill finished and LOMR planned.
- I-170 development is ongoing on. Developer is preparing a LOMR request for the south side of the redevelopment project site.
- Quick trip closed on property – it will be developed as a CUP.
- Ruth Park Woods – please visit.
- Commission should discuss whether to develop a mechanism to review and address resident questions.

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

Minutes Preparation. Minutes were prepared by Garry Aronberg.

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