



Storm Water Commission
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MINUTES OF THE STORMWATER COMMISSION, June 12, 2023

Call to Order. The thirty-sixth meeting of the Stormwater Commission (Commission) was called to order at 3:37 PM by Chair Todd Thompson.

1. **Attendance-Roll Call.** The following Commission members were present at the Community Center: Garry Aronberg, Mark Holly, Eric Karch, Eric Stein, Todd Thompson. Also, in attendance were; Councilman Dennis Fuller, Darin Girdler, Director of Public Works; Mirela Celaj, Assistant Director of Public Works; and John Mulligan, City Attorney. Commissioner Criss was absent on professional business.

No visitors were present.

2. **Agenda.** Publish agenda was approved: (Messrs. Aronberg, Thompson):
Attendance-Roll Call; Approval of Agenda; Approval of Minutes; Citizen Comments; Announcements by Commissioners; Committee Reports; New Business; Old Business; Council Liaison Comments; Adjournment.

3. **Minutes.** The minutes of the April 4, 18, and May 16 approved by voice vote with the following changes (motion and second: Stein, Holly):

- The April 4 meeting was the thirty-third meeting of the Commission rather than the thirty-second.
- The April 18 meeting was the thirty-fourth meeting of the Commission rather than the thirty-third.
- Eric Karch was present at the April 18 meeting.

4. **Announcement By Commissioners.** Motion passed: The July 4 meeting should be delayed until July 11 (Aronberg, Holly).

5. **Committee Reports.** During an open discussion, Commissioners expressed again our desire to present public information about flood protection and the activities of the Commission. Motion passed (Aronberg, Thompson): Commission recommends that University City should sponsor two public meetings on floodproofing and self-mitigation from flooding and accomplishments of the Commission.

6. **New Business**

- Commissioner Criss was made aware of comments about MSD's project to repair the riprap banks of the River des Peres between 6800 and 6900 blocks Vernon and Dartmouth east of Pennsylvania Ave. Dr. Criss had shared emails with commissioners. The Commission will not address the comments unless formally presented to the Commission in writing or by citizen comment at a Commission meeting.
- Public Works Director Girdler discussed floodplain buyouts along Wilson Ave, Burch Lane, and Hafner Court Apartments.
 - The application for FEMA grant assistance for the buyouts is due in July.
 - FEMA grant would cover 75 percent of the buyout. University City would have to cover the remaining 25 percent.
- On July 26, University Heights subdivision is sponsoring an anniversary meeting for the 2022



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- storm and flood. A representative of the Commission may be invited to speak.
- MSD wishes to conduct a field trip with City and Commission in early to mid-July.
7. **Old Business.** Consultants continue to evaluate benefit-costs of the projects identified by the commission during the May 16 meeting.
 8. **Council Liaison Comments.** Councilman Fuller informed the Commission that the swimming pool will reopen in near future, and the City Fire Department has placed into service a new pumper.
 9. **Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn passed at 5:25 PM (Thompson and Karch).

Minutes Preparation. The minutes were prepared by Garry Aronberg.

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