



Storm Water Commission
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MINUTES OF THE STORMWATER COMMISSION August 1, 2023

Call to Order. The thirty-seventh meeting of the Stormwater Commission (Commission) was called to order at 3:35 PM by Chair Todd Thompson.

- 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. 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.

Visitors: Jake Heigenstein of 7011 Dartmouth.

Mary Kennedy, Senior Planner, University City

- 2. Agenda.** Publish agenda was approved:
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 July 11, 2023, meeting were approved by voice vote with the Addition that Bob Criss was present.
- 4. Citizen Comments.** Mr. Heigenstein of 7011 Dartmouth commended Commission and City on having an early warning system for flooding of River des Peres. He urged that the announcement of flooding be more effective and offered to help with the announcement integration beyond text messages - maybe sirens. He has cyber security professional experience with similar operations. Mr. Gridler will arrange a meeting with Messrs. Heigenstein, Stein, Criss, with Chief Henson to discuss announcements further.
- 5. Announcement By Commissioners.**
 - Mr. Thompson thanked University Heights and Commissioner Criss for sponsoring a public meeting. It was informative in identifying the extent of problems.
 - Regarding establishment of a regional flood authority, Mr. Thompson asked the Communication Committee to prepare a recommendation to start and direct future discussion at Commission meetings.
- 6. Committee Reports.** No new reports.
- 7. New Business**
 - Senior Planner Mary Kennedy asked for Commission advice on some of the policy guides that may be added to the revised Comprehensive Plan:
 - Should there be a floodplain overlay and of what features?
 - How should vacant floodplain parcels be used?
 - Should parking and imperviousness features of the plan consider stormwater impacts and if yes how?
 - What riparian zone features should be included in the plan – trees, native vegetation?



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- What other flood mitigation features should be included in the plan?
- What development should be encouraged or discouraged to mitigate flooding?

8. Old Business.

- Mr. Girdler has continued to coordinate with MSD: MSD has continued to assist with debris removal from River des Peres.
- Mr. Mulligan has assembled and passed to Mr. Girdler documents on MSD flood mitigation responsibilities.

9. Council Liaison Comments.

- Councilman Fuller informed the Commission cleanup tree debris continued throughout the City. Cleanup in Ward 3 is nearly complete and then will begin in Ward 2 then in Ward 1.
- Citizens have begun organizing a disaster community help and relief committee.

10. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn passed at 4:52 PM (Aronberg, Karch).

Minutes Preparation. The minutes were prepared by Garry Aronberg.

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