



Storm Water Commission
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MINUTES OF THE STORMWATER COMMISSION November 5, 2024

Call to Order. The forty-sixth meeting of the Stormwater Commission (Commission) was called to order at 3:38 PM on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, by Chair Todd Thompson.

1. **Attendance-Roll Call.** The following Commission members were present at the Community Center: Susan Armstrong, Garry Aronberg, Phillip Eastin, Mark Holly, Eric Karch, Todd Thompson. Also, in attendance were Dennis Fuller, Councilman; Mirela Celaj, Acting Director of Public Works, Darin Girdler, Director of Parks and Recreation; John Mulligan, City Attorney. Commissioner Robert Criss could not attend.
2. **Agenda.** Published agenda was approved by voice vote (motion by Armstrong, second by 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 October 1, 2024, meeting was approved as written (Armstrong, Eastin).
4. **Citizen Comments.**
 - o None.
5. **Announcement By Commissioners and Staff.**
 - Director Girdler
 - o Recent long and moderately intense storm did not reach top of banks of River des Peres. Early warning system and frequent observations by Fire Department personnel were used to whether a U. City alert was necessary: it was not necessary.
 - Commissioner Armstrong suggested that Chief Hinson brief the Commission on Code Red system.
 - Councilman Fuller reported that the recently improve inlets along the east side of Midland seemed to perform well because no curb overtopping was reported along the nearby 7000 and 7100 block of Amhurst.
 - Commissioners Armstrong and Eastin summarize a recent presentation by Brentwood officials on the Brentwood Bound flood minimization project. The presentation was sponsored by University Heights Stormwater Task Force. Key points identified by the Commissioners are listed below:
 - o The project involved about 1.2 miles of Deer Creek the lies in part of the reach of Deer Creek between Hanley Road and Brentwood Blvd.
 - o The project objective was to remove commercial and some residential parcels from areas that flood.
 - o Those frequently flooding buildings were removed and the vacant land converted to storm storage and park. The storm storage was created by adding floodplain benches, ie. tiered banks. Some storage pools were added, also.
 - o Funding by Brentwood through a \$80 million bond, \$15 million Section 319 grant administered by MDNR, and smaller by significant contributions by MoDOT for changes of Manchester Road and Great River Greenway for trails through the site.



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- One bridge was widened.
- Brentwood officials reported that neighboring property values increased but some properties were removed from the tax rolls.

6. Committee Reports

- **Ad Hoc Committee to develop an ordinance to address impervious area additions.**
 - Commissioner Armstrong and Director Celaj reported that the Impervious Area Ordinance has been edited to be more succinct and forwarded to the Code Review Committee.
- **River des Peres (RdP) Monitoring subcommittee**
 - Commissioners Eastin and Karch reported the following:
 - Early warning system performed well; it predicted accurately that the recent storm would not cause major overtopping of the banks of River Des Peres.
 - Gauge 3, located in Olivette, is being repaired.
 - Batteries will be replaced in Gauges 1 and 2 in the next month or so.

7. New Business

None.

8. Old Business.

None

9. Council Liaison Comments.

a. Councilman Fuller reported:

- 1) Dierberg's will be constructed as part of the Olive Market Development.
- 2) The new Target store will have a large underground detention system.
- 3) New hotel and mixed use properties in the Loop are progressing.
- 4) A new fire truck has been ordered and will be delivered within a year.

10. **Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn passed at 4:50 PM (Holly, Armstong).

Minutes Preparation. The minutes were prepared by Garry Aronberg.