

Meeting Minutes  
Storm Water Committee Meeting  
Department of Public Works  
July 7, 2017  
8:00 am

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The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am.

The following members were present

Bob Watt, Maryann Rober, Lloyd Palans and Trae Myer

Also present

Anne Lamitola: Public Works Director, Councilman Bill Brennan, and Ashley Quinn:  
Administrative Assistant

Members of the public present

Ray Potter

Adoption of the Agenda

Chairman Watt asked for a motion to approve and adopt the agenda; Mr. Palans made a motion to adopt, Ms. Rober seconded the motion. All present were in favor – “aye”

Approval of the June 15, 2017 meeting minutes

Chairman Watt asked for a motion to approve the June 15, 2017 meeting minutes; Mr. Palans made a motion, Mr. Brennan seconded the motion. All present were in favor – “aye”

Public Forum

Mr. Potter stated his concerns about getting after the problems that have developed after new homes were built. Chairman Watt suggested coming back to this item at the end of the meeting.

Draft 5-year Storm Water Implementation Plan

A discussion ensued about the number of projects the Committee was recommending, the sending of Letters of Intent and the order of the 5-year commitment.

Mr. Merten stated that the only changes to the Management Plan were the addition of a paragraph on page 5 relating to the Letters of Intent. It details the process for obtaining the letters, what happens if letters are not obtained and how that could impact the order of work. A template for Letter of Intent was included as well as a copy of the ordinance.

A discussion followed about not putting an end date on the receipt of the letters. There would be a process for follow up if there is no response after some time. Letters would be sent to those impacted by the top eight projects. It was discussed that there could be pre-meetings with homeowner’s associations to inform residents about the process.

Mr. Palans suggested that a notice be put in the City newsletter letting residents know that Council has approved the recommended 5-year plan and the order established to allow for additional funding contributions. He felt it important to encourage residents to read the ordinance.

Ms. Rober expressed concerns about private funding that it could knock out other areas in the community, pitting larger subdivisions against smaller ones. A discussion followed about the chances of neighborhood contributions, its impact on rank and possible language changes in section 4-325 of the ordinance with regards to other funding. Ms. Rober suggested once the project order was identified, even if private funding came in from an outside source, it would not change the order, it would just allow the City finding to stretch further to other projects down the list.

Mr. Merten reviewed that process of making the commitments for the first five projects to recommend to council, once approved that money would be allocated and those projects set for 2018. The remaining projects would be re-evaluated at least every three years, but can be re-evaluated on an annual basis. The process for picking the next projects would be revisited every year. If additional information regarding projects comes in the re-evaluation could change the ranking.

A discussion ensued about private funding being only one factor of several impacting rank and prioritization. It was recommended that if section 4-325 were deleted that it still allow for MSD funding. Mr. Merten stated that the Master Plan would be turned over to MSD so that they put in their calculations, which may differ from ours. If MSD funds a project low on our list, it would drop off the list or change its ranking.

Chairman Watt stated that before money was spent on projects there would be communication going out to those impacted by the top 8 projects after which the City would send out letters of intent. This way if letters of intent are not able to be obtained for the first 5 projects there are other projects in line that could be moved on to, to keep things moving. Ms. Lamitola stated that amounts of design/construction costs for projects 1-5 would be in the budget starting in 2018.

Mr. Myer asked if monies contributed could go toward design phase to accommodate lower ranking projects by helping speed up the process. Mr. Merten stated that private funding would speed up the design phase but it would not change the order of the first 5 projects once they were committed to.

A discussion about presenting the plan to City Council followed. Ms. Lamitola would explain the letters of interest, the adoption of the ordinance and if adopted then money would be in the storm water budget. Chairman Watt wants to make sure that we stress that this is a long-term process and we aren't trying to spend money on a quick fix.

Any documents for City Council needed to be submitted to City Clerk by July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Ms. Lamitola would prepare a cover memo to go with the Master Plan.

Mr. Palans made a motion to recommend the storm water Master Plan to City Council.

Mr. Myer seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Chairman Watt – “approve”

Mr. Palans – “approve”

Ms Rober – “abstain”

Mr. Myer – “approve”

Mr. Bowers – absent

Motion carries, the Master Plan will be submitted at the next City Council meeting.

Chairman Watt will make an opening statement on behalf of the Storm Water Advisory Committee at the July 17, 2017

Other Matters Deemed Appropriate

Ms. Lamitola stated that there had been some concerned citizen from the City of Brentwood regarding storm water from the City of Ladue. After speaking with them there had been no further contact so it seems they felt ok with the information they received.

Mr. Lloyd Palans was submitted to be on the MSD Rate Commission.

A discussion ensued about the redevelopment of the old Shriner's Hospital site. Residents nearby had expressed concerns about noise, lights and storm water issues so the City would be keeping an eye on the progress of the project.

The Library on Lindbergh would be torn down and rebuilt. The construction was proposed to start in 2021. Part of their proposal could include a parking garage. Per Ladue's City Code they would only be allowed underground parking as above ground was prohibited by code.

The next Storm Water Advisory Committee meeting date was forthcoming.

Mr. Palans made a motion to adjourn, Ms. Rober seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:30am.

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Mr. Robert Watt, Chairman  
Ladue Storm Water Advisory Committee