

**CITY OF
LADUE**

Public Works

**Meeting Minutes
Ladue Storm Water Advisory Committee
Wednesday July 3, 2019, 8:00 am**

Chairman Lloyd Palans called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

The following members were present

Lloyd Palans, Jim Adams, Maryann Rober, and Bob Mueller

Also present

Councilman Bill Brennan; Anne Lamitola, Public Works Director; Pete Merten, Storm Water Engineer; Mark Koester, Storm Water Engineer; Lori Wrobel, Administrative Assistant

Members of the public present

Jim Edwards (Price Road) and Scott Solsvig (Willow Hill)

Adoption of the Agenda

Chairman Palans asked for a motion to approve and adopt the agenda; Mr. Mueller made a motion to adopt. Mr. Adams seconded the motion. All present were in favor and the motion passed.

Approval of the March 14, 2019 meeting minutes

Chairman Palans asked for a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Rober seconded the motion. All present were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Proposed Storm Water Management Program Revisions

Consideration by the Committee of a proposed ordinance, to be submitted to the City Council, to amend Ladue Code Chapter 2 Article X.- STORM WATER CONTROL PROGRAM Sections 2-323 and 2-326 requiring that “The Storm Water Master Plan be updated at regular intervals, but not less than once every five years...” and that “Each project shall be reevaluated by the Committee not less than every five (5) years.”, respectively.

The Committee discussed the merits of updating the ordinance from updating the master plan every five years rather than every three. The Chairman explained that it is not cost effective to update the master plan so frequently. It takes a lot of time to obtain letters of intent, bids, easements before entering into the development phase.

Mr. Mueller made the motion to submit to City Council to amend Ladue Code Chapter 2 Article X Sections 2-323 and 2-326 requiring that “The Storm Water Master Plan be updated at regular intervals, but not less than once every five years...” and that “Each project shall be reevaluated by the Committee not less than every five (5) years.” Ms. Rober seconded the motion.

All present were in favor and the motion passed.

Consideration by the Committee of a proposed ordinance, to be submitted to the City Council, to amend Ladue Code Chapter 2 Article X 2-329 Exhibit B Paragraph B. requiring that “Each fiscal year a maximum of \$100,000 may be allocated to the Fund to be used for Project(s) approved for



the then applicable fiscal year under the Grant Program for the Property Owner(s) whose Project(s) are eligible for reimbursement as set forth in this Grant Program.”

The Grant Program has been met with a robust reception providing the opportunity to deal with small projects. Thus far in 2019 the Grant program has approved two grants, one in the amount of **\$19,955.78** and a second in the amount of **19,949.60** both from 2019 funds; leaving only \$10,094.62 remaining funds for the grant program for 2019. Several residents have requested packets to apply for the program.

Mr. Mueller made the motion to submit to City Council the request to amend Ladue Code Chapter 2 Article X Section 2-329 Exhibit B Paragraph B. requiring that “Each fiscal year a maximum of \$100,000 rather than the current \$50, 000 maximum. Ms. Rober seconded the motion. All present were in favor and the motion passed.

Consideration by the Committee of a proposed ordinance, to be submitted to the City Council, to amend Ladue Code Chapter 2 Article X.- STORM WATER CONTROL PROGRAM to allow expedited initiation and completion of emergency projects.

Mr. Merten stated that as the public Works does have emergency fund procedure in place. The Director of Public Works is authorized to approve \$7,500; the Mayor is authorized to approve \$10,000, anything over that would go before the Council. The Storm Water ordinance is focused, prioritized, scored and ranked. It is applied uniformly and fair. Emergencies would trump the list and rankings. Chairman Palans does not want these funds appropriated and diminished. Mr. Mueller stated the budget could be wiped out by an emergency leaving no funds for identified, budgeted projects. Mr. Mueller made a motion to not amend the ordinance to include emergency provisions at this time. Mr. Adams seconded the motion. All present were in favor and the motion passed.

Water Management Program/2019 Five Year Implementation Program.

Consideration by the Committee to expedite implementation of the Burroughs Lane Drainage Improvements (1643) Project.

Mr. Edwards addressed the Committee with his request to reconsider the Burroughs Lane drainage issues. He had met with City staff on May 31st. After clearing honeysuckle and debris it became apparent the water backs up into his yard when it rains. He attributes this hundred-year-old drainage creek and new sewers drainage and runoffs. Housing projects on Price Road and Burroughs School projects also impact this issue.

The committee was sympathetic to his plight and discussed utilizing the small grant program and clearing out the culvert. Chairman Palans explained the systematic ranking and the dangerous precedent that reordering the rankings would create.

Committee review and approval of the 2019 Five-Year Implementation Program report.

Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the 2019 Five-Year Implementation Program report. Ms. Rober seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Chairman Palans called the question. All present were in favor and the motion passed.



Rock Hill Quarry-Landfill slope failure & the Old Warson RD #9650 Storm Sewer (1902) project updates.

Mr. Merten shared with the committee a meeting was in the works with the Quarry Owner Mike Convey. Topics will include cost sharing, insurance coverage, and what percentage of the responsibility belongs to MSD and the City of Rock Hill.

Other Matters Deemed Appropriate

Mr. Palans shared that MSD is in asking municipal governments for a consensus for reinstating an OMCI (Operation, Maintenance And Construction Improvement Funds) tax for storm water projects. There are several municipalities in the Deer Creek subdistrict that seem to be in agreement. This Increase does not require a vote. 50% of the Ladue funds would be returned to the City for Storm Water projects of the City's choosing. These funds were established to account for proceeds from tax levies in the various subdistricts and grants in aid of construction. Expenditures are primarily for stormwater sewer improvements and stormwater maintenance and operation. Taxes collected in the various subdistricts must be spent within the subdistrict. The levied tax rates range from \$.06 to \$.10 per \$100 of assessed property valuation.

Ms. Rober made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Adams seconded the motion. All voted "aye" in favor of adjourning. Meeting was adjourned at 8:17am.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lloyd Palans", is written over a horizontal line.

Mr. Lloyd Palans, Chairman
Ladue Storm Water Advisory Committee