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Watershed Erosion Task Force Meeting

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Wildwood City Hall, 16860 Main Street, Wildwood, Missouri 63040

Meeting #32 Minutes

The Watershed Erosion Task Force meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday, November 30, 2022, being hosted at Wildwood City Hall, 16860 Main Street, Wildwood, Missouri 63040, via the Zoom Webinar Platform.

I. Roll Call of Task Force Members

A roll call of members was taken, with the following results:

Present: Citizen Members Bartelsmeyer, Delanty, Sturman, Berger (*arriving at 6:06 p.m.*), Patton, Bramman, Donaldson, and Holthouse; and Council Member Farmer

Absent: Council Member Edens

Staff Present: City Administrator Steve Cross, Director of Public Works Brown, Assistant City Engineer Rahn, Director of Planning and Parks Vujnich, Assistant Director of Planning and Parks Rippetoe, and Senior Planner Newberry,

II. Welcome and Opening Remarks by Co-Chairs

Co-Chairs Holthouse and Farmer welcomed everyone in attendance at tonight's meeting.

III. Approval of Minutes from the March 23, 2022 Meeting

A motion was made by Member Bartelsmeyer, seconded by Member Sturman, to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2022 Task Force meeting. A voice vote was taken on the approval of the minutes, with no opposition, and one (1) abstention (Holthouse). The Co-Chairs then declared the minutes approved.

IV. Public Comment

None

V. Efforts and Initiatives of Task Force in 2022 – Year in Review

Director Vujnich provided an overview of the accomplishments of the task force over the past year, which included the following: identifying critical locations and those sits that would be prioritized

for funding and for implementation; making progress on the necessary permitting for certain planned projects; establishing a plan to study and potentially retrofit critical and existing substandard detention basins within the Caulks Creek Watershed; public education efforts; and the beginning of a two (2) year study of Caulks Creek in partnership with the United States Geological Survey (USGS).

City Administrator Cross congratulated the Task Force Members on the accomplishments of the past year and is anticipating continued progress in the coming year.

Discussion was held among Task Force Members regarding the various accomplishments of the past year and the general consensus the work of it has become more focused on those identified critical locations within the Caulks Creek Watershed, which is a positive.

VI. Grant Applications to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and Funding Options for 2023

Assistant City Engineer Rahn provided an update regarding these funding opportunities, noting the City was notified that it was not awarded any of the five (5) submittals for such funding in this initial round. Mr. Rahn provided details regarding other projects within Wildwood that were submitted by the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD), which were also unfortunately not granted any funding by the State. He provided an analysis of the projects that were granted funding throughout the State and gave a detailed explanation of the scoring metrics and process.

Discussion was held among Task Force and City Team Members regarding the consensus that not receiving any funds through this program is a disappointment; questions regarding the scoring metrics and decision-making process; observations regarding various projects that were granted to different communities and the characteristics of them, compared to the projects that were submitted by this community; and details regarding the projects within Wildwood that were submitted by the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD).

VII. Updates on Projects

Director Vujnich provided an update to the task force regarding the United States Geological Survey (USGS) study of Caulks Creek, the work of the consultants in obtaining the necessary permits for certain critical projects identified by the Task Force Members, and the plan to focus on the development of a Stormwater Master Plan in 2023, which is also now a priority as part of the City Council's adopted Strategic Plan.

Discussion was held among Task Force Members regarding the request for an update from the United States Geological Survey (USGS) on the progress of the study and any initial impressions, now having been underway for several months.

VIII. Watershed Erosion Task Force Work Program Items

Director Vujnich provided an update on the detention basin analysis, stating the consultants are further along than anticipated and a draft report should be available in the first quarter of 2023 and will be provided to Task Force Members for review.

IX. Updates to Work Program Matrix – 2022

Director Vujnich provided a brief overview of the Work Program Matrix.

No discussion was held among Task Force Members regarding this informational item.

IX. Other Matters for Consideration

No other matters were discussed at tonight's meeting of the Task Force.

X. Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, January 25, 2023

The date for the next meeting of the Task Force was agreed to be set for Wednesday, January 25, 2023.

XI. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

A motion was made by Member Sturman, seconded by Member Bartelsmeyer, to adjourn the meeting. Hearing no objections among the membership, the meeting was declared adjourned by Co-Chairs Farmer and Holthouse at 6:54 p.m.