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January 25, 2023

MEMORANDUM

To: Watershed Erosion Task Force Members

From: Department of Planning and Parks

Re: Updates on Projects (**Wards – All**)

Cc: The Honorable James R. Bowlin, Mayor
Steve Cross, City Administrator
John A. Young, City Attorney
Rick Brown, P.E. and P.T.O.E., Director of Public Works
Melanie Rippetoe, Assistant Director of Planning and Parks
Travis Newberry, Senior Planner

UPDATE ON ITEMS >>> The task force has many projects in discussion at this time, but a number of them are more active and do have certain updates associated with them. These projects include those matters relating to funding of the task force's efforts and the submittal of permits to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. These projects, along with others, will also be the focus of the task force in 2023.

FUNDING OF WORK PROGRAM ITEMS IN 2023 >>> As the task force members are aware, the five (5) grant applications that were sought by the City for the five (5) priority projects were not awarded. With this action the City does not have the comprehensive funding to complete all of the projects that have been identified as priority and critical types. Again, these projects included the following locations:

Project Name – Priority Locations	Project Cost Estimate
Caulks Creek Triple Meander	\$2,837,380
Caulks Creek Detention Basin Repair	\$169,000
Tributary – Evergreen Forest Court	\$259,090
Caulks Creek – Highlands at Wildhorse	\$553,020
Caulks Creek Wildwood Meadows	\$962,358

Project Name – Priority Locations	Project Cost Estimate
Bonhomme Creek – Community Park	\$491,946
Total Cost	\$5,272,794

As part of this grant process, the City Council did set aside funds, which were intended as the matching amounts for these identified grant applications and they remain in place. With this potential funding, the City could accomplish certain projects, if it should chose. Those projects could include one (1), or possibly more, of the critical locations, the detention/retention basin retrofits, or some combination of them. The recommendation process in this regard is in the purview of the task force. This discussion process can begin by reviewing the list of critical locations and, after the consultants' presentation tonight, assess the basin project in conjunction with them. As the task force members may recall, the initial estimates for the basins were in the vicinity of \$200,000.00 to \$300,000.00 in total. Assessing the best approaches to maximize funds will be the goal of future discussions.

PERMIT PROGRAM UNDER CWA SECTION 404 >>> The Departments of Planning and Public Works have completed its parts of the process for the filing of these permits with this federal agency. Although the grant funding effort did not produce the desired outcome, funding opportunities do present themselves at all times and with these specific permits issued or ready for issuance, such would position the City in the best possible place for the future. Therefore, the Department of Planning and Public Works are recommending the task force stay committed to this permitting process.

OTHER AND CONTACT INFORMATION >>> If any of the Task Force Members should have any questions or comments regarding this information, please feel free to contact the Department of Planning at (636) 458-0440. A presentation is planned on these items at tonight's meeting. Thank you for your review of this information and input on the same.