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**Watershed Erosion Task Force Meeting**

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

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

**Meeting #16 Minutes**

The Watershed Erosion Task Force meeting was called to order by Co-Chairs Remy & Archeski, at 6:30 p.m., on Wednesday, January 27, 2021, which was being hosted at Wildwood City Hall, 16860 Main Street, Wildwood, Missouri 63040, via Zoom.

**1. Roll Call of Task Force Members**

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

Present: Citizen Members Guenther, Boykin, Sturman, Holthouse, Berger, Patton, Archeski, and Donaldson. Council Members Clark, Edens, Remy, Farmer, McCutchen, and Rambaud.

Absent: Council Members McCune and Garritano.

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

**2. Welcome and Opening Remarks by Co-Chairs Remy and Archeski**

Co-Chairs Remy and Archeski welcomed everyone to the meeting. Co-Chair Remy wished everyone a Happy New Year and noted there has been increasing erosion in and around Caulks Creek, near the Strecker Road Area. He is looking forward to the Task Force's work this year.

**3. Approval of Minutes from the December 2, 2020 Meeting**

A motion was made by Member Farmer, seconded by Member McCutchen, to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2020 Task Force meeting. A voice vote was taken, with no opposition, and the minutes were declared approved.

**4. Public Comment**

None

**5. Update on Establishing Costs of Priority Location Solutions**

Director of Planning Vujnich reviewed the provided memorandum, which outlined the list of nine (9) priority locations determined by a collaborative process led by the City's consultants, the Task

Force Members, and Department staff. The memorandum recommends three (3) priority projects to be reviewed first by the consultants. This approach will allow a reasonable amount of work and expense to establish the costs of repairs. The three (3) suggested first priorities to review closer are the rear yards in the Evergreen Subdivision, the interim fix to clear out the bedload in the creeks, and the common ground area of Wildwood Meadows, at Strecker Road.

Discussion was then held on the following: the need to determine costs of all priority locations; the desire to include specific locations in the list; the potential for measuring the environment, health, and safety of each priority to establish rank; the need to not completely ignore the triple meander from Anniversary Park and the detention basin in its vicinity; Dr. Hammer's recommendation for priority ranking is the item identified as #3 in the memorandum, which should be done first, then move on to the triple meander; the need for preliminary design and basic engineering to establish cost priorities; the early thoughts on how to fix the triple meander area, which includes moving the channel back into the middle of the creek and lower its slope and vegetate it; the need to clarify which watershed each priority is located in; the concerns with threats to the Community Park playground and pavilion, with upstream development; the concern with previous work done in the Highlands at Wildhorse Subdivision area by MSD; the potential for adding data to the spreadsheet, including if it requires a temporary or permanent repair, impact on infrastructure (indirect/direct or none), watershed, timing of implementing solution, resident impact, safety, health, environment, list property ownership, cost/share potential, and other details to establish ranking; the immediacy of remediation should be considered in any decisions; the need to establish expectations of residents and utilize a consistent message; the need to clarify if public funds can be used on private property; the ability to put City time and resources to assisting with fixes, if money cannot be expended on a specific fix; and the desire to provide Land Learning Foundation information to the Evergreen Trustees to discuss that organization completing a potential remediation of the area.

Consensus was reached among the Task Force Members to move forward with the actionable items discussed and revisit at the February meeting.

## **6. Recommended Direction to City Council on Parks and Stormwater Sales Tax Initiative**

Director Vujnich noted the sales tax proposal recommended by the Task Force at the end of 2020 will need to be approved by City Council. A draft letter is being presented to the Task Force for its approval to forward to the City Council. Department staff is seeking input and direction on the letter from the Task Force Members.

Discussion was then held on the following: the complexity and immense size of the erosion issue; the need to determine, as best as possible, where the money will be spent; the desire for the tax to go through Administration/Public Works and Planning and Parks Council Committees to complete review and then support to City Council; the question of how erosion work will be funded, if the tax wouldn't pass; and, if the tax is passed, determine a way to complete projects in a shorter amount of time.

Member Edens left the meeting.

A motion was made by Member Guenther, seconded by Member Farmer, to forward the letter to City Council.

Discussion was then held regarding how the money will be distributed between parks and stormwater and what projects will be funded.

Motion was withdrawn by the maker, Member Guenther, until additional information can be brought to the Task Force.

## **7. Update on Stormwater Impact Fees and the Stream Stewardship Trust Fund (SSTF)**

Assistant Director Arnett noted City staff is working on researching both items and will have information on the next agenda.

## **8. Introduction to Stormwater Master Plan Process**

A motion was made by Member McCutchen, seconded by Member Clark, to postpone the next two (2) items on the agenda to the February meeting. A voice vote was taken, with no opposition, and Co-Chair Remy declared the motion approved.

## **9. Next Steps in Utilization of Data from Collection Effort and Basin Mapping**

Item postponed to February meeting, per above motion and vote.

## **10. Subcommittees**

### **a. Public Education**

Subcommittee Chair Holthouse noted an article has been written for the upcoming Gazette and the group is working on brief educational videos as well.

### **b. Stormwater Master Plan/Ordinance Review**

Director Vujnich noted Dr. Hammer has begun the review of the City's ordinances.

## **11. Other Matters for Consideration**

Member Guenther asked if best practices will be used on the two (2) new bridge replacement projects. Director Brown noted they will do their best in that regard and keep the Task Force apprised of progress on the projects.

**12. Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**

The date for the next meeting of the Task Force was agreed to be set for February 24, 2021.

**13. Closing Remarks and Adjournment**

A motion was made by Member Farmer, seconded by Member Rambaud, to adjourn the meeting. Hearing no objections among the membership, the meeting was declared adjourned by Co-Chair Remy at 8:41 p.m.