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**Watershed Erosion Task Force Meeting**

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

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

**Meeting #11 Minutes**

The Watershed Erosion Task Force meeting was called to order by Co-Chairs Remy & Archeski, at 6:32 p.m., on Wednesday, June 17, 2020, at Wildwood City Hall, 16860 Main Street, Wildwood, Missouri 63040 and on Zoom.

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

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

Present: Citizen Members Guenther, Sturman, Holthouse, Rambaud, and Archeski. Council Members Gragnani, Edens, Remy, McCutchen, McCune, and Garritano.

Absent: Citizen Member Tripp. Council Members Gragnani, Farmer, Bopp, and McCune.

Staff Present: Director of Planning and Parks Vujnich, Assistant Director of Planning and Parks Arnett, and Planner Newberry.

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

Co-Chair Remy welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular Dr. Hammer, the City's consultant to the Task Force.

**III. Approval of Minutes from the May 20, 2020 Meeting**

A motion was made by Member Guenther, seconded by Member Edens, to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2020 Task Force meeting. A voice vote was taken, with no opposition, and the minutes were declared approved.

**IV. Public Comment**

None

**V. Update on Creek Data Collection Field Work**

Assistant Director of Planning Arnett provided an update on the field data collections and noted that the majority of Fox Creek and much of Caulks Creek had been reviewed and documented by Task Force Members. An updated spreadsheet of data collection points was provided.

Discussion was then held among the Task Force Members and included the following: the last page of Dr. Hammer's report is missing photographs; the desire to ensure Ward 5 is represented in critical locations; the need for a stormwater management plan to address critical locations; the question if volunteers should continue to gather data points within the other three (3) priority watersheds; the timeframe for Dr. Hammer to complete creek assessments; the potential of moving bedload to creek banks as an interim solution; the belief preventive measures need to be taken in steps to complete Phase One; the need to identify locations of detention basins, especially in Caulks Creek Watershed, and then use GIS to determine volume they will hold and determine if fixing those/ensuring they work would be worth the time; the potential for deepening and widening some detention basins and raising some exit points; the request to review the Villages at Bright Leaf Subdivision's basins to ensure they are functioning properly, before escrow is released; the need to have mitigation ideas for residents who are willing to do work in creeks on their properties; the potential for consultants to come up with mitigation ideas for residents; the need to identify key areas; the use of consultants to determine pricing on fixes; the desire to review areas that flood to see if mitigation can help; the need to analyze rainfall data for the last twenty (20) years and evaluate local experiences on high volume storms; the need for the Department to seek additional funding at mid-year budget to increase amount of retainer for consultant review; and the potential of utilizing trustees within subdivisions to identify detention basins.

## **VI. Discussion of Creek Education Webinar Series**

Director of Planning Vujnich outlined a plan to create a video series of webinars to educate the public on creek issues, maintenance items, and other factors. Videos could include the following items: dos and don'ts of managing a creek; yard waste management; how to identify healthy riparian corridors; permitting process and potential costs; and the work of the task force.

Discussion was held among the Task Force Members regarding the following: the dos and don'ts video is timely and important and should be completed first; the desire for members to provide suggestions for video content; the ability to collaborate ideas on SharePoint; the suggestion of a 30-minute, 3-slide presentation, where Dr. Hammer and Rick Archeski give information on slides, and then have time for questions and answers live online; and the desire to include closed captioning on all videos.

A motion was made by Member Holthouse, seconded by Member McCutchen, to proceed with the video series, beginning with the Dos and Don'ts. A voice vote was taken, with no opposition, and the motion was declared approved.

## **VII. Updates on Work Progress from Subcommittees**

Not discussed individually, but as parts of the other meeting topics.

## **VII. Other Matters for Consideration**

Dr. Hammer noted he would begin work on the six (6) tasks outlined by the Task Force, which included: 1. Ordinance review; 2. Visit to sites that have patterns of flooding; 3. Prioritizing the identified critical locations from the list of seventeen (17) areas; 4. Collect and assess data in Bonhomme, Hamilton-Carr, and Wild Horse Creeks; 5. Visit priority sites with Mark Meyer; 6. Begin work on the video series; and 7. Provide future recommendations for maintenance of critical locations.

Discussion regarding the Boy Scouts creek cleanup effort and which Subcommittee wants to manage that effort. The commitment of Co-Chair Archeski to review sponsors of Operation Clean Stream to see if they could help with creek clean up.

Member Guenther provided a presentation on bridge replacement projects and noted his concern with the current Eatherton Road Bridge Project. He noted the work to date seems diametrically opposed to what the Task Force is trying to do. The Members reached consensus to request a joint meeting in August of the Watershed Erosion Task Force, the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Architectural Review Board to discuss and collaborate on City projects within the upcoming year and invite utilities and stake holders to a future Task Force meeting to discuss best practices and ask how all entities can work together.

Member Guenther also noted the American Flood Coalition may be an interesting group to learn from on funding relative to FEMA. Member Sturman noted he had made contact with local FEMA Office and will review again to see what funding potential exists.

## **VIII. Next Meeting Date – Not Set**

The next meeting of the Task Force will be held in August and a date will be sent to the Members.

## **X. Closing Remarks and Adjournment**

A motion was made by Member Edens, seconded by Member McCutchen, to adjourn the meeting. Hearing no objections among the membership, the meeting was declared adjourned by Co-Chair Remy at 8:13 p.m.