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Watershed Erosion Task Force Meeting

Thursday, August 15, 2019

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

Meeting Minutes

The Watershed Erosion Task Force meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Remy, at 6:30 p.m., on Thursday, August 15, 2019, at Wildwood City Hall, 16860 Main Street, Wildwood, Missouri.

I. Roll Call of Members

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

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

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

Staff Present: Assistant Director of Planning and Parks Arnett.

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

Co-Chairs Remy and Archeski welcomed everyone to the meeting.

They provided an overview to the Task Force of their plans to divide the members into four (4) subcommittees and address specific issues in a more focused manner. The four (4) subcommittees will focus on the following items:

1. Identifying erosion locations;
2. Reviewing City regulations and plans;
3. Financing issues; and
4. Agencies (who does the City work with and what do they have to offer).

Discussion was held noting the importance of the financing subcommittee having an understanding of the required costs, in addition to researching funding sources. The Task Force also decided it should include Lake Chesterfield in its discussions, since it is in the Caulks Creek Watershed and it should be reviewed as a system.

II. Approval of Minutes from the July 11, 2019 Meeting

A motion was made by Council Member Garritano, seconded by Council Member McCutchen, to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2019 Task Force meeting. A voice vote was taken, with no opposition, and the minutes were declared approved.

III. Presentation by Dr. David Hammer

Dr. David Hammer, Professor Emeritus from the University of Missouri – Columbia, first reviewed his history in the field of soil science and his creation of the City’s Natural Resource Protection Standards. He then reviewed a number of examples throughout the City, which highlighted the fragileness of the ecosystem. He outlined the characteristics of Wildwood’s topography, soil makeup, and water drainage. His presentation included examples of what works to repair damaged areas and other examples of what doesn’t work.

Following his presentation, discussion was held among the Task Force Members and included the following points: a request for a list of resources for review and education of members; a request for access to data already gathered; and the desire for public outreach and education of individual property owners. When questioned, Dr. Hammer estimated the City would need two (2) to four (4) million dollars to fix ten (10) to twelve (12) priority areas within Caulks Creek alone.

A suggestion was made by Task Force Member Holthouse to add a group to the subcommittees of the Task Force for public education.

IV. Presentation by Mark Meyer, Intuition & Logic

Mark Meyer, Intuition & Logic, reviewed ways development has impacted stormwater and how best the City can protect its streams. He provided an overview of the soil makeup and other characteristics of land in Wildwood. He then reviewed successful stream restoration projects.

Following his presentation, discussion was held regarding the work Intuition & Logic does, which Mr. Meyer noted the company's only clients are cities. He also noted he would assist the Task Force in reviewing funding sources.

V. Presentation by Task Force Member John Guenther

John Guenther, provided a presentation that he had given with Director of Planning Vujnich and Jonathan Barnett, the planner who assisted in the writing of the City's original Master Plan, at the Greening the Heartland Conference. This presentation outlined the City's origins, environmental codes, and planning principles. He gave an overview of the City's incorporation, its environmental characteristics, plus information on the Town Center, City Hall and its LEED certification, and other sustainability practices that are important to the Wildwood community.

Following his presentation, discussion was held regarding if codes are more restrictive for construction near problematic creeks, and, if not, should they be? Members discussed the need for increased enforcement near potentially threatened areas and the probability that strengthening of codes will become more imperative, as storm velocity increases.

VI. Public Comments

None

VII. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, August 29, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.

Consensus was reached among the Task Force Members to keep the next meeting as scheduled for Thursday, August 29th, at 6:30 p.m.

VIII. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

A motion was made by Member Guenther, seconded by Member Holthouse, to adjourn the meeting. Having no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by the Co-Chairs at 8:54 p.m.