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Watershed Erosion Task Force Meeting

Thursday, August 29, 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 Archeski, at 6:33 p.m., on Thursday, August 29, 2019, at Wildwood City Hall, 16860 Main Street, Wildwood, Missouri.

I. Roll Call of Task Force Members

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

Present: Citizen Members Guenther, Uetrecht, Sturman, Holthouse, Rambaud, and Archeski. Council Members Gragnani (arrived at 6:53 p.m.), Edens, Remy, McCutchen, and McCune.

Absent: Citizen Members Tripp and Jensen. Council Members Gragnani, Bopp, and Garritano.

Staff Present: Director of Planning and Parks Vujnich and 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.

Director of Planning Vujnich noted the members were seated at the dais for the purposes of Livestream.

III. Approval of Minutes from the August 15, 2019 Meeting

A motion was made by Member Guenther, seconded by Member Sturman, to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2019 Task Force meeting. A voice vote was taken, with no opposition, while Council Member McCune abstained, and the minutes were declared approved.

IV. Continuation of Presentation by Mark Meyer, Intuition & Logic

Mark Meyer, with Intuition & Logic, continued his report from last meeting. He focused on the process the City should use to prioritize and draft recommendations and data for solutions. He noted the City should do a watershed master planning process to address issues and plan for solutions. He identified the Cities of St. Peters and Ladue as local communities that have recently completed similar plans. He suggested using GIS mapping to track problem areas and as a planning tool. He noted the importance of drafting cost estimates, and a list of priorities, as part of the master planning process. The plan should include sections on implementation and public outreach. Mr. Meyer then outlined Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District's (MSD) design criteria.

Following his presentation, discussion was held among the Task Force Members and included the following points: the City's use of GIS software; the review of development proposals by Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD), which includes flow analysis and water quality; the lack of grant money from MSD to repair creek damage on land within its current jurisdiction; the purpose of hydrology mapping; the implementation of design criteria for best practices; the success of the Strecker Road cutbank project, which is still holding strong, despite the storm event on Monday morning, which was over five (5) inches of rain in just a few hours; and the concerns with the longevity and maintenance of porous pavement.

V. Presentation by Matt Roth & Eric Dannenmaier, Land Learning Foundation

Matt Roth and Eric Dannenmaier, Land Learning Foundation, provided a presentation to the Task Force Members on streambank stabilization efforts. They identified information on their firm, which is a Missouri Nonprofit Land Trust. The firm completes streambank stabilization, stream restoration and conservation, and outdoor education projects. Funding for these projects is provided through mitigation payments, as part of the Clean Water Act. All project funding is through Land Learning Foundation. Conservation easements must be provided, but sites are managed for five (5) years by the foundation and then monitored yearly thereafter, in perpetuity.

Following their presentation, discussion was held and included the following: the main focus of the organization is erosion within streams; the fact they are searching for large-scale projects; their current project underway on the Cuivre River, which is nearly two (2) miles in length; the use of potential tax credits for easement donation; the fact that Wildwood is split into 2 EDU's (Ecological Drainage Units - Meramec and Lower Missouri); the mitigation dollars must be used within the same EDU; and the fact this service cannot be utilized in backyards and small lots.

The Co-Chairs questioned if there were objections to amending the agenda to hear public comment, before the Subcommittee discussion. There being no objections by the members, the agenda was amended.

VII. Public Comments

Joe Frazzetta, 17410 Highland Way Drive, noted he is a Subdivision Trustee in Highlands at Wildhorse. He stated his subdivision has been experiencing increased erosion and flooding issues and he wanted to bring those issues to the Task Force for awareness and guidance or ideas on how the residents can be proactive in addressing their issues. Suggestion by Council Member Edens to conduct a site visit by Council representatives, along with Mr. Vujnich and Dr. Hammer.

Gwen Adelman and Julie Meyer, 4631 Fox Creek Road, noted they have lived in their home for 17 years and never had a flood, but this past Monday, the flash flood caused the loss of their first floor, garage, etc. They are requesting help from the Task Force noting the Fox Creek Area looks like a war zone after this recent storm event. They welcomed members of the Task Force to come on their property to conduct an analysis.

VI. Discussion of Subcommittees, including Purpose and Members' Assignments

Director of Planning Vujnich reviewed the previous discussion held, which outlined four (4) Task Force Subcommittees to address individual issues. A fifth Subcommittee was suggested at the last meeting for public education/outreach. Therefore, the five (5) proposed subcommittees include: 1. Critical Location Identification Subcommittee; 2. City Regulations and Plans Subcommittee; 3. Financing Subcommittee; 4. Agency Outreach Subcommittee; and 5. Public Education Subcommittee.

Discussion was then held regarding who would like to be on which Subcommittee, and the final result was:

Subcommittee	Subcommittee Leader	Members
Critical Location Identification	Co-Chair Remy	Rambaud, Uetrecht, Garritano, and Edens
City Regulations and Plans	Co-Chair Archeski	Gragnani, Guenther, and Rambaud
Financing	Director Vujnich	Sturman
Agency Outreach	Assistant Director Arnett	Holthouse and McCutchen

Public Education	Assistant Director Arnett	McCune, Edens, Guenther, and Jensen
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The following Task Force Members still need to be assigned to a Subcommittee: Tripp, Farmer, and Bopp.

Discussion continued with the Members requesting a presentation at the next meeting on the City's GIS system and how it could be used in mapping critical areas; Department staff then noted all Subcommittee correspondence should also be copied to them for record keeping; Subcommittees will not constitute a quorum because they will have less than nine (9) members in attendance; the next meeting would include time to set parameters for all of the Subcommittees; future ideas for gathering data identified contacting residents about issues via social media; staff requested the Members outline the information they want to gather, so a web form can be setup; and Members requested a list from Dr. Hammer of the ten (10) to twelve (12) critical sites he referenced in his presentation last meeting.

VIII. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, September 26, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.

Consensus was reached among the Task Force Members to keep the next meeting as scheduled for Thursday, September 26th, at 6:30 p.m.

IX. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

A motion was made by Council Member McCune, seconded by Member Guenther, to adjourn the meeting. Having no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by the Co-Chairs at 8:46 p.m.