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Watershed Erosion Task Force Meeting

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

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

Meeting #19 Minutes

The Watershed Erosion Task Force meeting was called to order by Chair Remy, at 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday, April 28, 2021, being hosted at Wildwood City Hall, 16860 Main Street, Wildwood, Missouri 63040, via the Zoom Webinar Platform.

I. Roll Call of Task Force Members

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

Present: Citizen Members Bartelsmeyer, Sturman, Holthouse, Berger, Patton, Bramman, and Donaldson. Council Members Remy, Farmer, Rambaud, Hopper, Gillani, and Brost (*arriving at 6:30 p.m.*).

Absent: Citizen Member Boykin and Council Members Edens and Bertolino.

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

II. Welcome and Opening Remarks by Chair Remy

Chair Remy noted this meeting would be his final meeting as Chair of the Task Force, given his resignation from City Council due to his family's relocation outside of the St. Louis Region. He thanked the Task Force Members for their efforts to date.

III. Approval of Minutes from the March 30, 2021 Meeting

A motion was made by Member Farmer, seconded by Member Rambaud, to approve the minutes from the March 30, 2021 Task Force meeting. A voice vote was taken, with no opposition and two (2) abstentions (Holthouse and Hopper), and the minutes were declared approved.

IV. Public Comment

John Guenther, as a former Task Force Member, highlighted a number of items it is considering, and encouraged the Members to be diligent in its continued efforts. Mr. Guenther thanked Chair Remy and all Members for their ongoing work on this topic.

Rick Archeski, as the former Co-Chair of the Task Force, thanked Chair Remy and all Members for their ongoing work on this topic.

V. Presentation of Public Education Outreach Efforts and Products

Member Holthouse, Leader of the Public Education Subcommittee, provided a draft slideshow and presentation, which highlighted the items to be utilized in future public education and outreach efforts. She also provided a summary and explanation of the Critical Locations Priority Matrix that she and Council Member Clark, along with the Dr. Hammer and the Department of Planning, had formulated, and now for the review and comment from Task Force Members.

Discussion was then held on the following: the general consensus the slideshow and presentation are of high quality; the need for the presentation for public education to be easy to understand and not overly technical; the consideration of including more photographs of critical locations in the slideshow presentation; questions regarding the complexity of the Critical Locations Priority Matrix; and the consideration of including a cost component in the matrix.

VI. Scope Services and Contractual Matters with Consultants

a. United States Geological Survey (USGS) - Scope of Services and Proposal

Assistant City Engineer Rahn provided an explanation of the general services offered by the United States Geological Survey (USGS). He stated the Departments of Public Works and Planning and Parks engaged the representatives of the United States Geological Survey (USGS), and determined the next step would be the formulation of a Scope of Services, which is being presented in draft form to the Task Force Members at tonight's meeting. Mr. Rahn stated the associated cost components of the draft proposal are currently being prepared by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) and will be presented at the next meeting of the Task Force.

b. Wilson Hydro, L.L.C. (Joe Wilson and Todd Wagner) - Scope of Services and Proposal

Director Vujnich stated City Council has given authorization to engage Wilson Hydro, L.L.C. (Joe Wilson and Todd Wagner) to prepare cost estimates to address a number of identified critical locations. He stated the Department is presenting this item as an update at tonight's meeting, with more information to follow at the May Task Force meeting.

VII. Subcommittees

a. Public Education

b. Stormwater Master Plan

No discussion was held regarding these items, given the earlier presentation from Member Holthouse, representing the Public Education Subcommittee.

VIII. Other Matters for Consideration – Summary of Major Milestones of Task Force

Director Vujnich presented the list of milestones and accomplishments of the Task Force over its first two (2) years of work.

Discussion was held regarding the overall positive accomplishments of the Task Force to date and the increased awareness of residents regarding stormwater and erosion issues.

IX. Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, May 26, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

The date for the next meeting of the Task Force was agreed to be set for Wednesday, May 26, 2021.

XI. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Director Vujnich acknowledged the attendance of the representative from the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD), Jeff Riepe, and thanked him for the District's partnership with the Watershed Erosion Task Force (WETF).

Chair Remy thanked the Task Force Members for their continued work and noted the importance of it to continue.

A motion was made by Council Member Gillani, seconded by Member Holthouse, to adjourn the meeting. Hearing no objections among the membership, the meeting was declared adjourned by Chair Remy at 7:13 p.m.