

Meeting Minutes
Ladue Storm Water Advisory Committee
Thursday July 13, 2023 8:00 a.m.

Chairman Lloyd Palans called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

The following members were present:

Lloyd Palans, Jim Adams, Maryann Rober, and Scott Solsvig

Also present:

Mayor Spewak; Bill Brennan, Councilmember; Anne Lamitola, Public Works Director; Scott Kroenung, Finance Director; Erin Seele, City Attorney; Amanda Griffin and Mark Koester, Storm Water Engineers; and Lori Mullins, Deputy City Clerk.

Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted upon motion by Mr. Adams and second by Ms. Rober.

Approval of the Minutes from the April 6, 2023, Meeting

The minutes were approved upon motion by Mr. Solsvig and second by Ms. Rober.

Introduction of New Committee Member

Mr. Palans reported the Committee has a new member, Philip (Flip) Schwarz. Mr. Schwarz will be a welcome addition to the committee and regrets that he was unable to attend this meeting.

Mr. Palans thanked Mr. Adams and recognized the committee's loss, as Mr. Adams will be leaving the committee.

Mr. Palans updated the Committee information on the MSD Rate Commission discussions regarding proposed increases to both the stormwater and sanitary rates

Storm Water Management Program Budget

Ms. Griffin reported on the budget, May 2023 activity is \$438,080 vs \$92,619 for February 2022: a favorable variance of \$345,461 or 373.0%. February 2023 Year to Date activity is \$1,115,256 vs \$192,239 for February 2022 Year to Date: a favorable variance of \$923,017 or 480.1%.

Flood Buyouts Update

Ms. Lamitola reported on the status of the application process. The City share for the HMGP (Hazard Mitigation Grant Program) buyouts is \$453,888.75. The City submitted 23 Foxboro, as an alternate and a stacked HMGP application. Should 23 Foxboro be funded under the HMGP program, the City's share for that property is estimated to be \$150,517.50, the City had previously committed to \$56,440 for the FMA (Flood Mitigation Assistance) City share. Additionally, 23 Foxboro is eligible for the next round of FMA if the property owner obtains NFIP flood insurance and has claim history that meets the threshold for eligibility. SEMA advises that the FEMA review process for both buyout programs can take a number of months.

Storm Water Management Program/2019 Five Year Implementation Program

Deerfield-Wakefield Stormwater Infrastructure Project

Ms. Griffin reported the City has not received all easements necessary to proceed with the project. The Storm Water Advisory Committee met on January 26 to review status of the project and decided to extend the deadline to obtain the necessary easements until the April meeting. The Stormwater Advisory Committee referred the discussion as to whether or not condemnation rights should be exercised to the City Council. Chairman Palans presented the project status update to the City Council at their May meeting and continued discussion at their June meeting. Ultimately, City Council voted against utilizing condemnation rights to obtain the remaining easements. The City's Code of Ordinances, Article X – Storm Water Control Program, "Sec. 2-326. – Revaluation/Inactivation" (b), states the following:

In the event that the progress of a project becomes stalled during the design stage due to a failure to reach an agreement/solution with the impacted parties, and it is so deemed by the committee, a project may be recommended to be placed on inactive status. Prior to this designation, a hearing shall be held at a regularly scheduled meeting of the committee. The recommendation to place a project on inactive status shall include a set of conditions which if met will allow the inactive status to be lifted. All affected property owners shall be informed of this recommendation at least one week prior to the meeting of the committee through notice given by first class mail. Upon recommendation of placement upon inactive status, all application of city resources shall be suspended until such a time as the project is returned to active status. A project may be returned to active status once all conditions have been met and the project has been reviewed and approved by the committee. This placement of a project upon inactive status shall be reported annually to the city council as part of the rolling five-year implementation plan.

Mr. Palans reported that notice has been provided, progress has stalled due to failure to reach an agreement with all affected parties, and regretfully requested a motion to update the status of the Deerfield-Wakefield Storm Water Project.

Mr. Solsvig moved to change the status of the Deerfield-Wakefield Storm Water Project to inactive; upon second by Mr. Adams, the roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Solsvig	"Aye"
Mr. Adams	"Aye"
Ms. Rober	"Aye"
Mr. Palans	"Aye"

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Palans thanked the City Staff for all their long-term efforts on the project.

Master Plan Update Preparation Discussion

Ms. Lamitola shared the requirement by ordinance for the five-year update of the Stormwater Master Plan. Ms. Lamitola shared some proposed suggestions for amendments to the Storm Water Ordinance, the criteria for the Score Sheet and updates to the Small Project Storm Water Grant Program using lessons learned from previous projects.

Ms. Lamitola, and Mr. Koester made recommendations on simplifying and streamlining the grant program.

Discussion ensued regarding possible changes, updates and improvements.

Chairman Palans asked that committee members review the proposed changes and to be prepared to discuss in further detail at the next Stormwater Advisory Committee meeting.

Old Warson Road Drainage

Mr. Koester addressed the storm water issue on Old Warson. The water crosses the road from properties located within the City of Rock Hill, across Old Warson Road, and then runs down into the Rock Hill quarry. There is not an enclosed storm sewer system serving Old Warson Road. Additionally, there is a safety issue when water ponds on Old Warson. The proposed solution to construct an enclosed system is estimated at \$1.5 million. Rock Hill Quarry is a regulated landfill and water must be treated before entering the sewer system, creating a hardship on the quarry.

Mr. George Stock, of Rock Hill Quarry stated the 14-acre drainage is a safety issue and a burden to the quarry. He expressed interest in sharing the cost to alleviate the problem.

Ms. Jennifer Yackley, the City Administrator for Rock Hill reported given time to incorporate the project into the budget, Rock Hill would be willing to look at sharing the cost as well.

Mr. Palans stated this should be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Other Matters Deemed Appropriate

The next meeting will be held on September 28th at 8:00 am

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned upon motion of Mr. Palans and second by Ms. Rober at 8:51 a.m.



Mr. Lloyd Palans, Chairman