



## CITY OF PARK RIDGE

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### MINUTES

*Revised*

#### FLOOD CONTROL TASK FORCE CITY OF PARK RIDGE, ILLINOIS

PARK RIDGE CITY HALL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
505 BUTLER PLACE  
PARK RIDGE, IL 60068

Wednesday, June 17, 2009, 6:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joe Saccomanno  
Lou Arrigoni  
Daniel Carroll  
Gale Fabisch  
John Humm  
Kim Jones  
Patricia Lofthouse  
Bob Mack  
Steve Tolan

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Mayor Schmidt  
Alderman Bach  
Alderman Wsol

**STAFF PRESENT:** Wayne Zingsheim, Director  
Sarah Mitchell, City Engineer  
Susan Tedeschi

#### 1. INTRODUCTION OF TASK FORCE MEMBERS

Mr. Saccomanno thanked the members of the Task Force for volunteering. He introduced the elected officials and staff present. He detailed the reasons for establishing the task force, noting that the citizens are a valuable resource.

Members introduced themselves as follows:

*Our Mission:*

THE CITY OF PARK RIDGE IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING EXCELLENCE IN CITY SERVICES IN ORDER TO UPHOLD A HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE,  
SO OUR COMMUNITY REMAINS A WONDERFUL PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK.

- Daniel Carroll – 5 year resident, has flooded twice, wants to improve the sewer system
- Bob Mack – 20-year resident, civil engineer in stormwater management, works for Cook County Highway Department, has flooded a few times, now has overhead sewers
- John Humm – 42-year resident, 20 years in banking, looking for long term solutions
- Steve Tolan – 44-year resident, risk manager for a corporation, has flooded, looking for long term solutions
- Patricia Lofthouse – 23-year resident, has flooded five times in two homes, librarian, concerns with flooding and emergency management
- Joe Saccomanno – 29-year resident, civil engineer, two of three homes have flooded, worked for the City for 18 years, wants to focus on long and short term priorities and identify potential solutions for various types of flooding
- Kim Jones – longtime resident, former Third Ward Alderman, flooded last year, looking for creative solutions
- Gale Fabisch – professional engineer, has worked with MWRD, interested in preventative maintenance
- Lou Arrigoni – 16-year resident, civil engineer in municipal arena, looking for a long range plan and implementation

## **2. ESTABLISHMENT OF MISSION**

It was agreed that the mission would be established after the goals of the Task Force had been developed.

Mr. Saccomanno recommended that the Task Force plan on presenting a preliminary report to the City Council in Fall 2009. The group would meet every two weeks for 4-5 months, and then every 3 months after that. The members concurred.

## **3. DEVELOPMENT OF GOALS**

### **a. Goals of Task Force**

The following goals were recommended. Staff was asked to refine them for review by the Task Force at the next meeting:

1. Develop a community awareness and education program as to what the sewer system is and how to mitigate problems.
2. Know scope of problems and various causes of flooding.
3. Mechanism for City to track residents reporting flooding, communication to residents, look at each type of flooding and why it happens along with mechanisms to solve the problem.
4. Know available resources.
5. Review past experiences and their impact.
6. Prioritize issues.
7. Review Ordinances, polices and practices that are in place, look at existing infrastructure and capacity, review what neighboring communities are doing, look at maintenance of the Des Plaines River.
8. Seek and explore funding opportunities for flood mitigation.
9. Long-term, worst case scenarios.

Mr. Saccomanno noted that after the Committee's goals have been established, representatives from MWRD and the IEPA. would be asked to speak at a meeting.

**b. Meeting Schedule**

The Task Force agreed to meet every other Wednesday at 6 p.m. and that the meetings should not last longer than 90 minutes. Due to the July holiday and vacation schedules, the next meeting was scheduled for July 15, 2009.

**c. Members Roles**

To be determined after mission and goals are finalized.

**4. OVERVIEW OF CITY'S SEWER SYSTEM**

Director Zingsheim gave a brief overview of the City's sewer system.

**5. RESIDENT INPUT**

- Alderman Bach asked that the Task Force take over the sewer study that Christopher Burke, the city's consultants, was currently doing. The members concurred that they were not willing to undertake something of that magnitude.

He recommended that the Task Force review the preliminary results of the Burke study and asked for a timeline for a final report to the City Council. He also asked that a cost be provided for each Task Force recommendation.

- Mr. Areen spoke on requiring new development to have on site detention.
- Mrs. Tobias requested visual aids of the worst areas and noted that 7 p.m. is a more convenient meeting time.
- Mr. Wykowski commented on the effects of raised elevations in new construction on neighborhood flooding.
- Residents suggested realistic dimensions and incentives for homeowners.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, July 15, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers**