



CITY OF PARK RIDGE

MINUTES

FLOOD CONTROL TASK FORCE

Wednesday, September 30, 2009
6 p.m. Meeting
Council Chambers
Park Ridge City Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Saccomanno, Lou Arrigoni, Daniel Carroll, Gale Fabisch, John Humm, Patricia Lofthouse and Steve Tolan

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kim Jones and Bob Mack

ALDERMEN PRESENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: S. Mitchell, B. Wiebe, J. Roycroft and S. Tedeschi

I. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 16, 2009

The minutes of the September 16, 2009 meeting were approved.

II. DEVELOPMENT OF GOALS

- A. **Develop a program to educate residents on the city sewer system and how to mitigate private property issues.** – Mr. Arrigoni and Mr. Humm

No discussion.

- B. **Review existing sewer system and analyze various types of flooding to better understand the scope of the problem and the various causes for flooding.**
– Mr. Tolan and Mr. Fabisch

Mr. Tolan stated that they were continuing to analyze data.

Develop and expand existing flood database by date, location, type and cause. Document flood damage costs associated with these incidents, both private and public. Formulate short and long-term plans, including various solutions to reduce and eliminate flood damage effectively and efficiently, using all available resources.
– Mr. Mack and Mrs. Lofthouse

No discussion.

C. Review current City Ordinances, practices and policies and make recommendations for change as needed. – Mr. Saccomanno and Ms. Jones

Mr. Saccomanno stated that they have compared the city's ordinances to other municipalities in Cook, Lake and DuPage counties. They have found Park Ridge's to be equal to, or more stringent than, comparable communities.

He asked City Engineer Mitchell where detention has been installed as part of these policies. City Engineer Mitchell replied that detention has been installed in the following areas:

- Uptown Redevelopment – Meacham cul de sac (1) & Meacham Parking Lot (2)
- Bredemann Parking Lot
- Brickton Place
- Public Works Service Center

D. Seek and explore funding opportunities for flood mitigation, both for City and residents. – Mr. Carroll

Mr. Carroll reported that there were no new developments. He noted that the Task Force should consider recommending increasing the monthly sewer surcharge by \$3 per residence.

Superintendent Wiebe suggested charging impact fees for new construction.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Development of Final Report

The Task Force agreed to the format of the report, as recommended by Mr. Saccomanno.

Discussion ensued on where the Task Force has been, what they have found and where they see it going.

Mr. Tolan commented on the enormity of the issue, the many variables involved and the need to educate the homeowner as to why we flood and how to prevent it. He feels that it is the Task Force's mission to help the city prioritize and improve maintenance.

Mr. Fabisch stated that the Task Force needs to inform the citizenry of flood related issues. He stressed the importance of maintenance programs.

Mr. Humm stated that it was critical to have the mechanisms in place to prevent overland flooding. He requested that staff arrange another Saturday tour to visit the six sites identified by the Burke study (with a topographical map), the Mayfield Lift Station, and the Carol/Crain Lift Station.

City Engineer Mitchell stated that staff would arrange a tour for Saturday, October 17.

Mr. Arrigoni stated that it was important for residents to understand that it isn't just the sewers that are causing flooding.

City Engineer Mitchell will provide copies of Bulletin 70 to the Task Force.

The Task Force agreed to have the draft report completed by mid November. They will begin discussing actual sections of the report at the next meeting.

- B.** Mr. Saccomanno stated that he would ask Mayor Schmidt for a report on his last meeting with MWRD.

IV. RESIDENT INPUT

Paul Swanson, 1700 Good, asked if the city was inspecting for downspout connections. City Engineer Mitchell replied that there was a program in the early 1970's for this. She noted that this was the responsibility of the Building Department, and that this could be a recommendation made by the Task Force.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

NEXT MEETINGS – Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at 6 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers