



CITY OF PARK RIDGE

MINUTES

FLOOD CONTROL TASK FORCE

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

6 p.m. Meeting
Council Chambers
Park Ridge City Hall

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALDERMEN PRESENT: Mayor Schmidt

STAFF PRESENT: W. Zingsheim, S. Mitchell, B. Wiebe, and S. Tedeschi

I. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 30 AND OCTOBER 14, 2009

The minutes of the September 30 and October 14, 2009 meetings 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

No discussion.

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

No discussion.

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

No discussion.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of Burke Report

Mr. Tolan – questioned prioritization and feasibility of projects given City’s budget; feels the Greenwood project would benefit the most residents as it is a major north/south thoroughfare; found the October 31 tour to be beneficial.

Mr. Mack – found these six areas to be a good starting point; would like to know level of protection Burke’s recommendations would provide.

Ms. Lofthouse – found the recommendations for homeowners beneficial.

Ms. Jones- found the site visit to be beneficial; the Greenwood project would benefit the most residents.

Mr. Saccomanno – wrestling with the total cost of \$6.1 million to mitigate 500-600 homes; questioned if this money could be used to benefit more residents; looking for best benefit / cost ratio; need to identify health, safety and welfare issues.

Mr. Humm – need to look forward twenty years; questioned level of protection offered by Burke’s recommendations.

Mr. Fabisch – found tour to be very useful; need to look at areas not addressed by Burke study.

Mr. Carroll – Burke’s study did not address the maintenance of the system, though it was not part of their scope of work; some data may be flawed as not all residents reported flooding; may need to conduct a more comprehensive resident survey.

Mr. Arrigoni – questioned the level of protection offered by Burke’s recommendations; need to plan for the future.

The Task Force agreed to meet at 5:30 p.m. on November 18. Representatives from Christopher B. Burke Engineering will be present to answer questions on the flood study. Committee and City Council members are to send questions in advance to staff. Burke Engineering will then respond to each question in writing.

B. Conveyance and Detention for ten year storm

Mr. Saccomanno stated that the number of year storm for conveyance and detention is key to the discussions, noting that ten years is common practice for the industry.

Mr. Mack stated that ten years was common for low flow and 100 years for overland flow. He questioned how the water would get to the detention ponds that Burke was recommending.

The Task Force agreed not to make a decision on this matter until Burke Engineering attends a meeting.

C. Development of Final Report

The Task Force agreed to make a bullet point presentation to the City Council detailing the mission, goals, preliminary findings for each goal, what we are doing, and where we are going. They would then take questions from the City Council.

Discussion ensued as to when this presentation should occur. It was agreed that each sub committee would bring their bullet points to the November 18 meeting. They would then schedule a meeting to prepare for the presentation and decide on when the Council presentation should be held.

Mr. Tolan stated that there should be a consensus for an overall conclusion before the Council presentation.

D. MWRD Public Meeting for Watershed Management Ordinance

Mr. Saccomanno stated that the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) was holding a public meeting on the Cook County Watershed Management Ordinance (WMO) at Maine West High School at 7 p.m. on November 18. Several members of the Task Force expressed interest in attending.

IV. RESIDENT INPUT

Dave Areen, 722 North Lincoln, commented on the need for the Greenwood/ Lahan area to be a priority.

George Kirkland, 1909 Des Plaines, commented on the run off from the Country Club and overall benefits of the Greenwood project to the city.

Mayor Schmidt thanked the Task Force for their time, noting that the price tag for the Burke recommendations would probably be more than \$6 million.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

NEXT MEETINGS – Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers