



CITY OF PARK RIDGE

MINUTES

FLOOD CONTROL TASK FORCE

Wednesday, October 14, 2009
6 p.m. Meeting
Council Chambers
Park Ridge City Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Saccomanno, Gale Fabisch, Bob Mack and Steve Tolan

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lou Arrigoni, Daniel Carroll, John Humm, Kim Jones and Patricia Lofthouse

ALDERMEN PRESENT: Alderman Bach

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

I. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 16, 2009

As there was not a quorum, approval of the September 16, 2009 minutes was deferred.

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 had met with staff and have developed six variables to evaluate flooding. They are now developing a list of short, medium and long-term solutions.

Discussion ensued on the IDNR's Bulletin 70, and what level of storm protection should the city provide.

Mr. Saccomanno stated that it was civil engineering practice to design to a ten-year storm. He felt that the Task Force should concur on whether the city should provide conveyance and detention for a ten-year storm. He asked that this matter be placed on the next agenda.

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

Mr. Mack stated that they are working to develop a narrative of solutions and are continuing to evaluate the city's infrastructure.

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.

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

No discussion.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Development of Final Report

No discussion.

B. Report on Mayor Schmidt's meeting with MWRD

Mr. Saccomanno stated that Mayor Schmidt had reported that his meeting with MWRD was not worthwhile from a stormwater management standpoint. It focused more on the Chicago River and IEPA issues.

C. The Task Force agreed to cancel the tour scheduled for Saturday, October 17. Staff will contact the Task Force to arrange a tour for either October 24 or 31, at 10 a.m.

D. City Engineer Mitchell stated that Christopher B. Burke Engineering would be presenting their final report to the City Council at a workshop, tentatively scheduled for November 2, at 6:30 p.m. They are currently finalizing the last two study areas and will be meeting with the Park Board on October 15.

The Task Force asked for a copy of the Burke report and stated that they would also attend the workshop.

E. Alderman Bach stated that for the purpose of preparing for the 2010/2011 budget, the City Council will begin discussing possible areas to be studied next for flooding.

F. Mr. Saccomanno and Mr. Mack suggested that staff invite a representative from MWRD to the next meeting to discuss their plans and possible funding opportunities

IV. RESIDENT INPUT

Brett Popper, 2010 Birch, stated that he hoped that, by studying other areas of the community, the focus did not shift off the first six areas.

Paul Swanson, 1700 Good, emphasized the need to conduct the tour during daylight hours.

Dave Areen, 722 North Lincoln, recommended the 'Door Dam' for downward sloping drives.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

NEXT MEETINGS – Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at 6 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers