

**CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE MEETING ON STORM WATER
6:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2007**

The Citizen's Committee on Storm Water met at City Hall on the above date and time.

Present: Service Director Stanek, Public Works Director Mooney, Hal Becker, Charles Debordeau, Chris Emshoff, Lou Ferri, Richard Gortz, Ken Hejduk, Roger Newberry, Shirley Schluchter, Kerry Volsky.

Also Present: Mayor Kevin Patton

Hal Becker presided.

Moved by Hal Becker, second by Chris Emshoff to accept the minutes of November 8, 2006 as submitted.

Roll call: Aye: Becker, Debordeau, Emshoff, Ferri, Gortz, Hejduk, Newberry
Schluchter, Volsky

Nay: None

Motion carried

Storm Response Update

Mr. Mooney reported the backwater valve was not approved by Council. The pipes on the Woodbury detention basin are complete and as soon as the ground is firm the soil work will be completed. A request for proposal has been sent out for the enhancement and improvement of the North Huntington detention basin. Mr. Mooney believes when these projects are completed it will greatly reduce the amount of water flowing to South Huntington area and the Creekside area.

A head wall that was undermined on Industrial Parkway was repaired. Eighty feet of a force main was replaced at a Northeast lift station. Testing will be done to find the problem in the line. The Metro Lift Pump station is being enlarged. A tentative completion date is April.

Interviews are being conducted for an engineer for storm water. The new hire will start by the end of January.

City Action Plan Discussion

There are 12 people on the storm crew. Two people have been assigned to be responsible year round for inspections of detention basins and open channels.

URS sends two crews out. The first crew identifies the manhole locations of sanitary or storm sewers and measures the inlet/outlet depth. The second crew measures the rim elevations. A meeting is planned to discuss the

progress schedule and where flow monitors should be placed within the sanitary system.

A meeting was held with M & E with discussion on the Huntington area. Small problems have been discovered but not one large problem. A review was conducted of the pump station and the pump itself to make sure they are the proper size. The pump was not operating at 100% as it theoretically should, but testing is on-going to correct the situation. The private infrastructure in some areas will have some extensive dye testing and televising performed. M & E recommended performing a manhole rehabilitation program. Infiltration may be coming in through manholes. There is a manhole certification program. It is called MACP. Mr. Stanek will verify if the program is valuable and if it is the sewer staff will attend for training and certification.

Mr. Mooney reported last week it rained approximately 2 ½ -3 inches in a time period of six hours. The City received approximately 20 calls in reference to flooding. Only one basement flooded due to a compromised lateral line.

The Action Plan is a living document and will be an ongoing proactive strategic plan.

Letter to Residents

A first draft of a letter to the residents reviewing the progress of the City and Committee was distributed for the Committee's comments and suggestions. Mr. Volsky suggested incorporating a footnote identifying the credentials of M & E and URS companies. Mr. Mooney presented an example of the form in which the letter would be sent on. It is a 4 page folded news letter style. There was discussion on what would be on the front page. It was decided that a letter/note from the Mayor would be on the front page.

Discussion of examples of sending positive thoughts to the residents were discussed. Positive resolutions of many small problems were identified and will be incorporated into the letter to the residents.

Infrastructure Fund

Mr. Mooney reviewed how the Infrastructure Fund operates. The schedule for projects for the next two years was presented. The Committee members agreed there needs to be someone to be responsible to sign off on the completion of maintenance of the sewers each year. Everything needs to be inspected with a proactive quality assurance to follow through and make sure the task has actually been completed.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be February 21, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Caucus.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara M. Janca
Secretary