

MINUTES OF THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
October 10, 2008

The Stormwater Management Committee met on Friday, October 10, 2008 at 7:30AM in the Main Conference Room at Leawood City Hall.

In attendance were:

Committee Members:

Jim Rawlings (Chair); Councilmember- Ward 2
William Chiles
Pat Dunn
Debra Filla, Councilmember- Ward 1
Mel Henderson
Carole Lechevin
Alec Weinberg

Members absent:

James Azeltine, Councilmember- Ward 4
Gary Bussing, Councilmember- Ward 3
John Kahl

Guests present: (by order of sign in sheet)

Louis C. Rasmussen, Councilmember- Ward 2
Connie Beer, 11508 Cedar, Leawood, KS
William Brennan, 11508 Cedar, Leawood, KS
Jan Montague, 2507 W. 89th Street, Leawood, KS
Art Scott, 5304 W. 116th Street, Leawood, KS
Don Smith, 5209 W. 116th Street, Leawood, KS
Joan Kurz, 11512 Cedar, Leawood, KS
Larry Jones, 11512 Cedar, Leawood, KS
Nancy Madeira, 5213 W. 116th Street, Leawood, KS
Neil Grant, 11505 Rosewood, Leawood, KS

Staff in attendance:

Joe Johnson, David Ley, Julie Stasi

Jim Rawlings welcomed everyone and began introductions of Committee and staff.

- **The first item on the agenda was to approve the minutes from the last meeting of September 12, 2008.** Alec Weinberg made the motion to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Mel Henderson. All were in favor, motion passed.

- **The next item on the agenda: Channel Erosion North of City Hall.**
Joe Johnson gave a slide show of the present condition of the creek and erosion.
Resident of 11512 Cedar also had pictures of erosion concerns.
Staff presented an estimate to do a hard structure fix at a cost of \$30,000 to \$40,000 dollars.
Staff Comment: To stop the erosion, grading along the north bank will be required and the use of gabion baskets. This would protect the north bank and prevent further erosion on the north bank. The estimated length of the improvements is 130-feet long and approximately 3 to 4-feet in height. The estimated construction cost for this type of improvement is \$30,000.00 to \$40,000.00.

Committee discussion concerned a hard-scape fix with gabions as staff suggested or a soft-scape application with different plantings and a buffer area.

Edgewood Residents expressed their concern of the erosion getting closer to their property. Edgewood Residents invited committee members to come over and look at their yards and fence line and see how the erosion is encroaching on the properties.

Edgewood Homes Association President Art Scott-Advised that although they can appreciate a soft approach to erosion issues, they believe it may be too far gone to apply that type of approach at this location in Edgewood. The property is owned by the City and Edgewood can only look to the City to fix the erosion property that is happening here.

Councilmember Rasmussen-Advised that if this erosion was on any one else property, we (the City) would be telling the property owner to fix it. The erosion is on property owned by the City, so we should fix it.

Alec Weinberg made the motion to postpone the discussion and come back to this topic in one year from now to see if in a years time there would be any more erosion, or if by then, maybe the recent construction on the creek bed would have held up. Deb Filla seconded the motion and also added that she would like to invest now in a \$2,000 to \$3,000 landscape vegetation planting to try to help the situation now.

Other committee members discussed the motion and were concerned with it and if that would work. Committee members then wondered if John Kahl with Terra Technologies, (the company that worked on the creek in the past year) could take a further look at the creek and make a recommendation as to whether they thought a hard-scape or soft-scape fix would be most applicable for the concern.

Alec Weinberg also wanted a hard measurement in time to see where the erosion is now and where it might be later.

Alec Weinberg tabled his earlier motion. Mel Henderson seconded the tabling of the first motion made by Alec. Pat Dunn also seconded that motion.

Pat Dunn motioned that this topic be postponed to the next meeting in November (November 14); which would give Staff time to contact Terra Technologies to have a further review completed on the area before the committee makes any recommendations. Deb Filla seconded Pat Dunn's motion. All were in favor, Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: Sump Pump Drain in the City Right-of-Way

Jan Montague explained how she recently was sited for a sump pump that discharges next to the street; in violation of a City Ordinance/Code.

Staff explained to the Committee the details of the sump pump and how this tends to be common with many homeowners; who are all sited for this type of thing. As with adjoining properties, having discharges such as this causes problems for the City. We have sidewalks that are continuously wet, the subgrade under our streets stays wet and during winter we get ice buildup in the street. On average over 90 notices/citations are issued per year to property owners to remove discharges of sump pumps, roof drains, and private storm drains located in the right-of-way.

The resident reviewed her thoughts on how she understood now after the discussion that this was a violation that many people deal with and did not expect special treatment from the Committee. Resident Montague welcomed ideas on the fix she should make. The Committee advised that Ms. Montague should probably speak with Ted McIntosh with Neighborhood Services to find the best solution.

Alec Weinberg did make a motion to give Resident Montague a 60 day time frame to correct the issue in her yard, making it code compliant. Motion was seconded by Mel Henderson and Pat Dunn. All were in favor, motion passed.

- **The next Scheduled Meeting is November 14, 2008 at 7:30 AM, Leawood City Hall.**

Adjourned 8:55 AM.

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