

**MINUTES OF THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING OF: Friday, April 10, 2009**

The Stormwater Management Committee met on Friday, April 10, 2009. The meeting was held in the Main Conference Room at Leawood City Hall.

Committee Members in attendance:

Bill Chiles, Pat Dunn, Mel Henderson, Carole Lechevin, Alec Weinberg,
Council Liaisons: James Azeltine, Debra Filla (Co-Chair)

Committee Members absent:

John Kahl
Council Liaisons: Gary Bussing, Jim Rawlings (Chair)

Staff in attendance:

Joe Johnson, David Ley, Julie Stasi

Councilmember Debra Filla chaired the meeting in the absence of Chair Jim Rawlings. The meeting began at 7:36AM.

- **The first item of business was to approve the minutes from the last committee meeting.** Pat Dunn made a motion to approve the minutes of December 12, 2008. Bill Chiles seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.
- Bill Chiles asked if anyone had spoken anymore about the concerns that were the topics of the last meeting. Joe Johnson advised his office has not heard from any of the residents since the last meeting.
- **Deb Filla turned the meeting over to Joe Johnson who wanted to review with the committee several items at today's meeting.**

Joe Johnson reviewed the "Pay-As-You-Go Capital Program" projects outlined for 2010-2014. Joe explained that all of the projects but one had actually been reviewed by this Stormwater Committee at one time or another. The three projects that are due to be constructed this year have been designed in house and one is already bid with our street reconstruction project.

Joe Johnson then reviewed the 5-Year Stormwater Plan to Improve the City's Infrastructure. A colored map (which has taken about three years to complete) was distributed to the committee; outlining areas identified in the 2006 report up to today's 2009 findings.

Committee Members commended staff for the scheduled mapping and information provided on pipe repair, reconstruction, and mill & overlays. Staff advised that we now have a dedicated employee (Walt Huff) who was a Crewleader moved into a position of Asset Management Manager who is working on this information full time with our Stormwater Crewleader (Calvin Burgess) to stay on top of this information. David Ley advised that eventually we would like to have this type of mapping available on the City's web site and something that the general public can view.

Joe Johnson reviewed projects in the 2010-2014 Capital Improvement Program.
No motions or actions were needed for the review of these items.

Informational only.

- **The next item on the agenda was to review Council goals as they relate to stormwater.**

Deb Filla spoke about how some of the goals relate to approving stormwater education. This group has talked about the frustration of just being reactive to things coming in. It was important to the committee that we become educated in stormwater. We run into trying to educate people on velocity and mass and the fact that all water flows downhill and that everybody is part of stormwater and every time we cover up something it has an impact on something downstream. Certainly to the lay person coming in, it is probably the most invisible utility there is. No one gets it. It is all under ground and they only get it when there is a problem.

Deb Filla advised that she had been approached by the new president of the Blue River Watershed Association to get involved in a rain garden project that has received grant money. They spoke of a stream team being created in our community. We could create these along our creek areas with area residents and improve our watershed education. Education classes are held to teach people on how to collect water and monitor it. For example, children can do a project and get an understanding with additional fertilizers and how water quality changes.

Another thing that has contributed to this is the Green Initiative Committee and the Council made a move to have more focus on how pedestrian and bike friendly our community is and also other sustainability items were passed by the City Council. Conservation, recycling and green mobility are three goals the Green Committee has and we had a great turn out in presenting information on the landfills. We had the first homes association meeting Leawood has ever had. Staff did not think we would have a good turnout and thought we would have about 20 in attendance. We had 110 people. Stormwater could do the same thing with the Stream-teams with stormwater education and tap into the information that is already available with the Blue River Watershed.

- **The Committee members agreed that a new regular day to meet could be the second Thursday of every month.** Next meeting planned to be May 14, 2009, (if there is an assignment).
- The meeting adjourned at 8:55 AM.
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NOTE: AFTER THE ADJOURNMENT OF THIS MEETING; Due to Scheduling conflicts, the next meeting has since been changed to Wednesday, May 27, 2009.