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STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY October 1, 2019
6:30 P.M.
WATER DIVISION CONFERENCE ROOM

Members Present:

Jim Sefcik, Chair	Susanne Gow
Matthew Werhner, Secretary	Elizabeth Grant
Karen Mullins	William Sweetnam
Larri Gerson	Jill Gunn
Christopher McLaughlin	

Members Absent:

Eleanor McCook
Don Knapp
Belle Gruber

Staff Present:

Whitney Marsh, Public Services

Guests: Jeff Gow, City Commissioner

Call to order: 6:30 PM

Approval of minutes: Moved for approval by Karen Mullins, seconded and passed.

Draft Agenda Adoption : Moved for approval, seconded and passed.

Unfinished Business:

- SAC Annual Report – a draft copy was sent to the committee. As there were no suggested revisions it was submitted to the City Clerk.
- 2019-2020 initiatives for SAC – at a previous meeting the committee decided an initiative would be educating HOA's and other private property owners on their responsibilities regarding storm water runoff from their properties. Bill Sweetnam composed a letter that he suggested be attached to a SWFWMD pamphlet entitled 'How to Operate and Maintain your Stormwater Management System.' The committee approved and the next step is determining how to distribute the materials to the appropriate population.
- Curlew Creek Management Plan update: is about two months from completion and will provide, among other things, a list of projects to monitor and improve the watershed.
- Stormwater Master Plan-
 - Commission workshop rescheduled to November 5, 2019, 9:00 am.
 - Slated for a February completion
- CRS (Community Rating System)- Whitney explained the system. The city's CRS audit is expected soon.
- Comprehensive Plan- no further input from the committee.

- Stormwater Enforcement – the proposal was presented to the City Commission and the LPA (Local Planning Agency). The purpose is to put teeth in enforcement by levying fines (after warnings). The hope is that it will encourage good behavior rather than punish bad behavior. Funds collected as fines will be earmarked for projects improving the environmental health of our community.

Reports/updates - none

New Business:

- Potential speakers to SAC - Whitney suggested a list of speakers, primarily from other city departments, to speak to the committee next year.
- Artificial turf options for Pioneer Park – the committee reviewed the information on the proposed update and redesign of Pioneer Park, including the option for artificial turf. After much discussion, the committee voted to support a natural turf option.

Discussion on holding/cancelling any future meeting:

- Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, January 7, 2020, 6:30 pm, Water Division Conference Room

Next Agenda - development and suggestions

- Next step in educating private property owners on their stormwater runoff responsibilities
- Update on Curlew Creek Watershed Management Plan
- Update on Stormwater Master Plan and possible speaker
- Update on CRS audit
- Update on Stormwater Enforcement Plan
- Update on Pioneer Park plans

Public Comment – Commissioner Jeff Gow expressed his appreciation to the committee for its work.

Additional Comments/Discussion – Larri Gersen brought up the news that the state government in Tallahassee is looking to fine cities for wastewater leaks, and wanted to know what we, Dunedin, are doing to reduce leaks. Whitney explained the various techniques used by the city to detect and monitor wastewater leaks.

Adjourned at 8:04 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Matthew Werhner, Secretary