MEETING SUMMARY

SUBJECT: STORMWATER COMMISSION MEETING
MEETING DATE: Monday – January 6, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
ATTENDANCE LIST:
☒ Mike Butterfield, Commission Chair, term expires 6/30/21
☒ Mike Dryden, Commission Member, term expires 6/30/20
☐ Stacie Johnson, Commission Member, term expires 6/30/21
☒ Frank Bellon, Commission Member, term expires 6/30/20
☒ Jason Rogers, Commission Member, term expires 6/30/22
☒ Cara Matteson, Stormwater Coordinator, City Staff
☒ Dave Wallace, Storm Utility Engineering Manager, City Staff
☒ Steve Hershner, Utilities Director, City Staff
☒ Mike Kuntz, Utilities Environmental Manager, City Staff
☒ Debbie O’Meara, Administrative Assistant, City Staff
☒ Martin Smith, Friends of Cedar Lake Organization Member
☒ Adam Rodenberg, Middle Cedar Watershed Project Coordinator

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Meeting called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Commission Chair Mike Butterfield.
   A. Mike Butterfield made a motion to approve the minutes from the 9/9/19 meeting and the 11/4/19 meeting.
      The motion approved by Mike Dryden; seconded by Frank Bellon. All were in favor to approve the minutes.
   B. Mike Butterfield welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introductions were made around the table for the guest speaker.

2. Public Input
   A. No public input offered.

3. Middle Cedar Watershed Management Authority (MCWMA)
   A. Guest Speaker: Adam Rodenberg, Middle Cedar Watershed Project Coordinator
   B. Cedar Rapids is a member of this organization.
   C. The MCWMA was formed as a result of a nearly $97 million grant awarded to the State of Iowa from the US Housing and Urban Development under the title, Iowa Watershed Approach.
   D. Adam gave a presentation on The Iowa Watershed Approach.
   E. The Iowa Watershed Approach is a statewide program that encompasses nine watersheds (Middle Cedar Watershed being one of them) and numerous partners. It voluntarily engages local stakeholders from the nine watersheds across the state to accomplish common goals. The goals include:
      1) Reduction of flood risk;
      2) Improvement of water quality;
      3) Increased resilience;
      4) Engagement of stakeholders through collaboration and outreach/education;
      5) Improved quality of life and health for Iowans; and
      6) Development of a replicable program.
   F. Project successes include construction of various types of flood control structures (including wetlands and ponds). Remaining project funds for the Middle Cedar have been allocated. There remains a large demand and willingness to have additional projects in this watershed, which opens up a potential opportunity to receive additional funding.

4. 2019 Year in Review
   A. Continued success with the BMP Cost-Share Program.
   B. Regional Detention Basins discussion over course of year – going forward, agreed with:
      1) Outreach with development community
      2) Proposals
      3) Solid strategies
   C. Continued talk on significance of the Stormwater Commission. How to align goals with what the
commission's purpose is? How can the commission be more meaningful? Current discussion included:

1) Assist with outreach and education
2) Essential for cost share input once the program ramps up
3) Disseminate watershed efforts and benefits
4) Obtain sponsorship for the art on storm drains program
5) Recommendations on partnerships with outside entities

5. City Long Term Planning Commission
   A. The Charter of the City of Cedar Rapids includes a provision requiring the appointment of a Long Term Planning Commission once every five years beginning in 2014, and completes its work within six months.
   B. Mike Dryden is a new member, representing the Stormwater Commission, for the 2019 Long Term Planning Commission (started in December).
   C. The commission will develop a long-term plan with recommended goals and objectives for the City.
   D. Will meet the third Tuesday of each month, for six months.
   E. This is an update to the comprehensive plan, EnvisionCR.
   F. Will include discussing opportunities and challenges experienced by Boards and Commissions.

6. City Staff Reports
   A. BMP Cost-Share Applications – Cara Matteson
      1) No new applications since last meeting.
      2) Lots of outreach happening– momentum is anticipated.
         a) Program going to 75/25 cost share (75=City cost / 25=Applicant cost); current is 50/50.
         b) Letters mailing to large users.
         c) Cara will get in front of the Development Council.
   B. Active and Upcoming Stormwater Projects – Dave Wallace
      1) Dave distributed the current list of significant City stormwater projects for review and discussion.
      2) Went over changes and new projects added.

7. Commissioner Reports
   A. No reports offered.

8. 2020 Meeting Schedule
   A. Mike Butterfield presented an overview of 2020 Stormwater Commission meeting dates:
      1) March 2
      2) May 4
      3) July 6
      4) September 14
      5) November 2

9. Adjourn Meeting
   A. Agenda Items for Future Meetings
      1) Commission Goals
      2) Wings2Water Program
      3) Invite Indian Creek Representative
   B. The next regularly scheduled Stormwater Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 2, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. City Services Center (Public Works) - 2nd Floor – Greene Square Conference Room, 500 15th Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404 - Ph. (319) 286-5802
   C. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Debbie O’Meara, AAI, Cedar Rapids Public Works

This summary documents our understanding of items discussed. Please contact our office within five working days with any omissions or discrepancies.

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