

REGULAR NORWALK STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING DECEMBER 7, 2020

Call to order

The regular meeting of the Norwalk Planning and Zoning Commission was held virtually via Zoom Meeting on Monday, December 7, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m. by City Planner Elliot Klimowski. Those present at roll call were Greg Pierce, Josh DeBower, Justin Ernst, Jaki Livingston, and Megan Regennitter. Absent: None

Staff present included: Elliot Klimowski, AICP - City Planner

Approval of Agenda

Klimowski requested any comments or modifications to the meeting agenda. No alterations were requested.

MS4 Permit and Annual Report Update - Elliot Klimowski, City Planner

Klimowski advised the committee on the purpose behind the Stormwater Advisory Committee and the importance of it in relation to the City's MS4 permit. Klimowski presented an update on the progress of the annual MS4 report and explained some of the processes in getting it finished. Klimowski spoke on the commonalities between last year's permit issue and the attachments that are already prepared for the permit. Klimowski spoke about upcoming tasks for City staff in meeting the requirements for the MS4 permit and the plans in order to get those tasks done.

Stormwater Staff Presentation - Elliot Klimowski, City Planner

Klimowski presented a powerpoint slideshow to the committee on basic stormwater cleanliness principles and policies designed for staff education. Klimowski explained that the presentation will be given in a recorded manner and distributed to staff for viewing at their convenience. Klimowski spoke on remaining items to be included in the presentation and requested suggestions from the Committee about other things to add. Pierce commented on use of materials from Iowa Stormwater Education from Pat Sauer and resources he may be able to provide from his office. DeBower asked about the implementation of soil quality restoration with the City.

Discussion on stormwater-related trends/issues facing Norwalk

Klimowski spoke of soil quality restoration and its policy implementation in the city. Klimowski spoke of rain barrel and residential stormwater BMP grant programs that are being drafted. Klimowski requested items for discussion.

Pierce asked about the City's follow up on Capital Crossroads work and how that fit into the City's future with the draft ordinance. Klimowski commented on the timing related to subdivision regulation updates and the introduction of a new ordinance. Pierce comment on the rate of growth and accelerating construction as it related to the importance of advancing an updated ordinance.

City Council Update - Jaki Livingston

Livingston spoke about Council's diligence in staying up to date on stormwater management trends in the metro and prioritizing good decision-making in Norwalk.

Planning & Zoning Commission Update - Megan Regennitter

Regennitter emphasized the importance of discussing stormwater management when discussing Planning & Zoning items.

Community Development Update

Klimowski re-iterated the progress and importance of the MS4 report and staff presentation.

Next meeting Date – Scheduled as-needed

Adjournment

Klimowski asked for final remarks, followed by adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 5:31pm.

Elliot Klimowski, AICP - City Planner