

REGULAR NORWALK STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MAY 4, 2021

Call to order

The regular meeting of the Norwalk Planning and Zoning Commission was held virtually via Zoom Meeting on Tuesday May 4, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by City Planner Elliot Klimowski. Those present at roll call were Greg Pierce, Justin Ernst, Jaki Livingston, and Megan Regennitter. Absent: Josh DeBower

Staff present included: Elliot Klimowski, AICP - City Planner, Luke Parris, AICP - Community Development Director

Approval of Agenda

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

Review of December 7, 2020 Minutes

Klimowski requested any comments or modifications to the minutes from the previous Stormwater Advisory Committee meeting. No alterations were requested.

Discussion and recommendations regarding a proposed stormwater improvement grant program for FY2022 - Elliot Klimowski, City Planner, Luke Parris, Community Development Director

Parris introduced the purpose behind the stormwater improvement grant program and a desire for the City to explore a more comprehensive program for larger-scale stormwater management improvements. Klimowski described the budgeting situation surrounding the program and that the City had \$20,000 earmarked for the program. Klimowski spoke about the funding details and schedule for stormwater improvement projects at individual residences. Klimowski introduced the idea of expanding the grant program to larger scale projects at a later date for groups of properties. Pierce asked for details about which kinds of projects would be eligible for funding. Klimowski described the current proposals and informed the Committee that they would be an advisory body for determining which other unlisted projects would be eligible. Klimowski described the requirements on the application document as well as the overall criteria for the grant program. Livingston commented that grant recipients should file a certificate of renewal with the City confirming function and completion of an installed BMP.

Parris requested details about the future of funding for the grant program. Klimowski stated that a stormwater improvement grant program for larger projects would probably be funded separately from a homeowner grant program. Ed Kuhl commented on a need to develop watershed protection plans that might be funded by a larger grant program. Pierce spoke about how other communities source funds for stormwater improvement projects and that there are multiple funding mechanisms that could be used in Norwalk. Pierce suggested that the City of Norwalk might consider commissioning a detailed study on important waterways within the city. Parris mentioned that staff are going to be engaged with the Lakewood Recreation District regarding stormwater issues.

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 had no update for Community Development.

Next meeting Date – Scheduled as-needed

Adjournment

Klimowski asked for final remarks, followed by adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm.

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Elliot Klimowski, AICP - City Planner