



**FLOOD MITIGATION TASK FORCE
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
(December 15, 2015)**

The Flood Mitigation Task Force convened in a regular meeting on December 15, 2015 at One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Road in Austin, Texas.

Task Force Members in Attendance:

Ana Aguirre, Marvin Chaney, Rolando Delgado, Dale Gray, Jeff Henke, Robert Henneke (departed at 6:30 p.m.), Ben Hodges, Robert Kibbie, Rose Marie Klee, Ken Jacob, Rollin MacRae, Kate Mason-Murphy, Elloa Matthews (arrived at 6:15 p.m.), Carol Olewin, John Pitts, Matthew L. Rienstra, Jay Scanlon (arrived at 7:45 p.m.), and Dorsey Twidwell

Staff in Attendance: Louisa Brinsmade, Morgan Byars, Chris Chen, Roxanne Cook, Jean Drew, Joydeep Goswami, Jose Guerrero, Matt Hollon, Tanner Hunt, Larry Jantzen, Angela Johnson, Pam Kearfott, Jason Lopez, Karl McArthur, Keith Noble, Joe Pantalion, Katie Pfeil, Jerry Reynolds, Isidro Rodriguez, Kevin Shunk, Kelly Strickler, Mapi Vigil, and Reem Zoun

Chair Matthew L. Rienstra called the Task Force meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Brian Maloney spoke about flooding in his neighborhood.

Sarah Janecka spoke about flooding in her neighborhood.

Erin Foster spoke about the Onion Creek buyout project.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting of 11/3/2015 were approved on Task Force Member Rose Marie Klee's motion, Task Force Member Ken Jacob's second on a 17-0 vote. Task Force Members Robert Henneke and Jay Scanlon were off the dais. Task Force Members Ray Canfield, John Gleason, and Paul Morales were absent.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Consider, discuss, and seek staff opinion and information regarding status of flood mitigation program, the legal basis for flood mitigation buyout program and possible legal limitations on accelerating the buyouts
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

b. Staff presentation on Lower Onion Creek buyout project
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

- c. Staff presentation on the City of Austin’s flood preparation and response coordination with other entities, with Onion Creek 2013 and Shoal Creek 2015 case studies
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
- d. Staff presentation on potential impacts of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) on impervious cover and flooding
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
- e. Working Group updates
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.
- f. Report to Council updates
Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

4. VOTING ITEMS

- a. Consider resolution regarding buyout policy for Lower Onion Creek area
There was a motion by Task Force Member Ken Jacob, seconded by Task Force Member Robert Kibbe, to approve the resolution with the following amendments: The phrase “That Council should consider expansion of the radius for comparable housing as one potential means to expedite the Lower Onion Creek Buyout Project” would be added to the resolution at Task Force Member Robert Kibbe’s suggestion, and the resolution text would be amended to read, “WHEREAS, the Lower Onion Creek Watershed area homeowners have experienced continued and ongoing policy and programmatic hindrances as well as difficulties in securing property acquisition, or in the pursuit thereof, including the availability of fungible, commensurately valued homes for resident relocation” at Task Force Member Rollin MacRae’s suggestion.

The substitute motion to vote on approving Task Force Member Rollin MacRae’s amendment before voting on the resolution as a whole was approved on Task Force Member Rollin MacRae’s motion, Task Force Member Elloa Matthews’ second on a 12-4 vote with Task Force Members Rolando Delgado, Jeff Henke, Rose Marie Klee and Matthew L. Rienstra opposed and Task Force Member Ben Hodges abstaining. The motion to approve the amended resolution was approved on a vote of 17-0.

- b. Create Working Groups on selected topics
No action was taken.
- c. Assign Task Force members to Working Groups
The following working group assignments were made with no objections: Task Force Member Ben Hodges was assigned to the Operations and Maintenance working group.
- d. Consider future Task Force meeting dates
No action was taken.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Future meeting topics and staff input
No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Matthew L. Rienstra adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m. without objection.

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