

FLOOD MITIGATION TASK FORCE MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING (January 19, 2016)

The Flood Mitigation Task Force convened in a regular meeting on January 19, 2016 at One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Road in Austin, Texas.

Task Force Members in Attendance:

Ana Aguirre, Raymond Canfield, Marvin Chaney, Rolando Delgado, John Gleason, Jeff Henke, Robert Henneke (arrived at 6:39 p.m.), Ben Hodges, Ken Jacob, Rollin MacRae, Elloa Matthews, Paul Morales, Carol Olewin, Matthew L. Rienstra, Jay Scanlon, and Dorsey Twidwell

Staff in Attendance: Morgan Byars, Chris Chen, Kelly Gagnon, Jose Guerrero, Matt Hollon, Tanner Hunt, Larry Jantzen, Angela Johnson, Pam Kearfott, Mike Kelly, Eric Loucks, Karl McArthur, Jorge Morales, Keith Noble, Saul Nuccitelli, Joe Pantalion, Scott Prinsen, Jerry Reynolds, Kevin Shunk, Kelly Strickler, Angela Todd-Sheremet, Ed Van Eenoo, Erin Wood, and Reem Zoun

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

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Stuart Hersh spoke about flooding issues for Austin residents.

Anna Perez spoke about the Onion Creek buyout process.

Chris Clary spoke about integrating farmland preservation into flood policies.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting of 12/15/2015 were amended on Task Force Member Elloa Matthew's motion and Task Force Member Ken Jacob's second on a 15-0 vote. The minutes were amended to include the arrival and departure times for Task Force Members that arrived after the meeting came to order or left before it was adjourned. Task Force Member Robert Henneke was off the dais. Task Force Members Dale Grey, Robert Kibbie, Rose Marie Klee, Kate Mason-Murphy, and John Pitts were absent.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Staff presentation on future funding and cost impacts for potential flood mitigation options. **Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**
- b. Staff presentation the Drainage Utility Fund (DUF) and Green Infrastructure **Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**

- c. Staff presentation on CodeNEXT and possible regulatory considerations **Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**
- d. Staff briefing on Onion Creek Floodplain & Flood Hazard Mitigation Study **Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**
- e. Report to Council: organization and formatting of report **Item conducted as posted. No action taken.**
- f. Working Group updates

 Item conducted as posted. No action taken.

4. VOTING ITEMS

- a. Create Working Groups on selected topics **No action was taken.**
- b. Assign Task Force members to Working Groups **No action was taken.**
- c. Consider future Task Force meeting dates

A motion to schedule a meeting on a date to be determined by staff, but during the week of February 7 - 11, where the Task Force Members will discuss the draft report to Council was made by Task Force member Dorsey Twidwell and seconded by Chair Matt Rienstra. The motion passed on a 16-0 vote.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Matthew L. Rienstra adjourned the meeting at 10:10 p.m. without objection.

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