



MEETING MINUTES

Date & Time: 3-10-22 11:00 AM
Location: Zoom Meeting and In-person at Ottawa City Hall
Attending: Ottawa Flood Commission members – see attached attendee lists
Concerning: Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan update – Meeting #4
Discussion:

1. Chairman Rob Hasty called the meeting to order at 11:01 AM
2. Approval of 3-04-22 minutes. Motion by Andy Borkowski and second by Bill Vogel. Approved unanimously.
3. Mat explained that today's meeting is **Step 7 - Strategies**, to discuss and review the strategies to be set in the plan to achieve the goals. He went through the existing strategies in the plan and asked for input from the group. The committee reviewed the existing strategies with results as follows:

EXISTING STRATEGIES

- a. Educate public on Flood Insurance etc. - Strategy is OK as is.
- b. Elevate Green Street – Strategy is OK as is. Noted that FEMA grant has been obtained to accomplish this.
- c. Dredge the Fox River at aqueduct – Noted that we worked with US ACE for funding, and it did not meet the cost-benefit analysis. Their calculations showed the blockage does not increase flood heights in the Fox River. Need to add language to encourage IDNR to continue snagging large logs when they pile up.
- d. Regional Stormwater Management Ordinance – Strategy is OK as is.
- e. YMCA mitigation - Strategy is OK as is.
- f. Ejector pumps - Strategy is OK as is.
- g. CRS participation - Strategy is OK as is.
- h. North side fire station – Much discussion. Should be located in the Rt 71 area. Rob Hasty described how insurance rates on the north side of town would go down with another fire station due to the long distance from the current fire station and delays to emergency vehicles caused by trains. Strategy is OK as is.
- i. Snow removal plan - Strategy is OK as is.
- j. Tornado Sirens - Strategy is OK as is.
- k. Work to share resources - Strategy is OK as is.
- l. Develop education info etc. - Strategy is OK as is.

PROPOSED ADDITIONAL STRATEGIES

- m. Add - Update City's Emergency Response Plan every 2 years. Include pre-planning emergency facilities such as warming centers temporary shelters etc.
- n. Add – Discourage development in the flood plain

- o. Add – Inventory City’s trees and create a management plan to minimize storm damage
 - p. Add – Coordinate with different agencies on post-event damage assessments to eliminate duplicate work. It was noted that the City assesses for general safety and substantial damage, Red Cross for Human Need, and County for disaster declaration, and all have different forms and questions.
 - q. Add – Create a City Urban Flooding Plan
4. Next week’s meeting will discuss the Action Plan
 5. Jeff Hettrick moved, and Bill Vogel seconded to adjourn the meeting until March 17th. Unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 11:43 AM

Next meeting will be on Thursday March 17, 11:00 via Zoom and in-person

Respectfully submitted,
David Noble