

*(The following is not a verbatim transcript of comments or discussion that occurred during the meeting, but rather a summarization intended for general informational purposes. All motions and votes are the official records).*

## **FLOOD COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Flood Committee was held on Monday, March 11, 2013 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 P.M. by Councilman Santamaria, prior Chair.

Present: Councilman Paul H. Archetto, Chair  
Councilman Richard D. Santamaria  
Senator Frank S. Lombardi  
Brian Dupont  
Amy Sinyei  
Michael Behm  
Nicholas Capobianco, Jr.  
Council President Anthony J. Lupino

Absent: Representative Joseph McNamara

Also Present: Gerald Cordy, Director of Administration  
Kenneth Mason, Director of Public Works  
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

**Councilman Santamaria** gave a brief history of what this Committee has done in the past few years, since its inception. He stated that he is stepping down as Chair and Councilman Archetto will take over, but he will stay on the Committee as a member representing Ward 5.

**Chair** stated that former Committee member Matthew Papino, a stakeholder, has not indicated if he would like to remain on the Committee. The Clerk will check and if he is not interested, he will have to be replaced. He also stated that the Committee's composition also requires a Minority member of the Council. He asked that the Clerk contact Councilmen Botts and Favicchio and ask who would like to serve.

**Chair** indicated that Representative McNamara cannot attend this evening due to a prior commitment.

## **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

On motion by Mr. Behm, seconded by Senator Lombardi, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and they stand approved as recorded. Motion passed unanimously.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

## **PUBLIC HEARING/NEW BUSINESS:**

- ***Organizational Meeting and Review of Topics***

**Chair** stated that three major flood areas in the City are Fletcher Ave., Amanda Ct. and Perkins Ave. and there are appraisals and buyouts taking place with the owners' consent.

**Councilman Santamaria** stated that as for Fletcher Ave., there are eight property owners to sign off for DEM permitting and to move forward with the flood wall. These property owners would have to all sign off.

### ***Perkins Ave. Update:***

**Mr. Cordy** presented a spreadsheet of 2010 Grant List and various projects. He stated that the City has purchased four homes on Perkins Ave. and currently are in negotiations to purchase #91, 92 & 120. Demolishing is anticipated to start this Summer. The City is also anticipating to receive approximately \$430,000 in approximately two weeks, which two homes is anticipated to be purchased with this award.

**Senator Lombardi** asked what the amount is for unaccounted HUD money. Mr. Cordy stated that he does not know, the State won't tell him.

**Ms. Sinyei** asked if demolition has been awarded. Mr. Cordy stated, yes, it went through the Board of Contract and Purchase and was awarded, but he does not know for how much.

### ***Fletcher Ave. Update:***

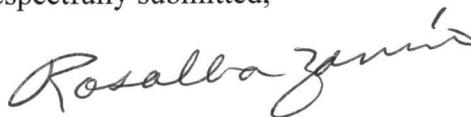
**Mr. Cordy** stated that the Administration is working on getting the eight property owners to sign off for the DEM permitting process. The Planning Department and NRCS was going to make a joint effort to approach the people who have not signed on. He does not know if this has been done yet.

**Chair** indicated that it was stated that 39 homes were denied grant by FEMA. He asked what the basis for this was. Mr. Cordy stated that the difficulty was there is a duplication of effort and the way t he Federal Government looks at these properties and they look at the number of claims, if any were filed by the property owners and the number FEMA uses carriers a large threshold.

**Chair** stated that the next meeting will be held in May, after the Budget is adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rosalba Zanni".

Rosalba Zanni  
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees