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FLOOD COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Flood Committee was held on Wednesday, March 19, 2014 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 the Chair.

Present: Council Majority Leader Paul H. Archetto, Chair
Council Minority Leader Michael W. Favicchio
Nicholas Capobianco
Council President John E. Lanni, Jr.
Matthew Papino
Brian Dupont
Kenneth Mason, Director of Public Works

Absent: Councilman Richard D. Santamaria, Jr.
Senator Frank S. Lombardi
Representative Joseph McNamara
Michael Behm
Amy Sinyei

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Council Minority Leader Favicchio, 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:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING/NEW BUSINESS:

Anthony Lupino, 15 Black Oak Ct., appeared to speak and asked Mr. Dupont if he is still maintaining the website in letting the stakeholders know about this meeting because he is disappointed that no one from the public is present. Mr. Dupont stated that he did not notice this meeting, but he is still maintaining the website and advising people of the meetings. Mr. Lupino stated that the biggest problem with Fletcher Ave. is upstream, Plainfield Pike. There is a dam there and a flood wall will not protect the properties. The dam is not owned by the City, but the repercussions of the dam failing will be owned by the City. As to the flood insurance, the suggestion of meeting with Senator Reed's Office is good, but on a local level, the only way you are going to lower the rate is give tax relief to those in flood prone areas with a trade off that they will use the savings in raising the level of their homes.

- **Affordable Flood Insurance on Federal Level**

Mr. Dupont stated that the House and Senate will be considering whether to revise the Act that was not previously passed. Pending that being passed, we hope to push for the federal legislatures to see what they can do. He suggested keeping this item on the table to see what we can do to keep the train rolling that the 25% is still strong. This 25% is per year. He also stated that he would like to get some people involved to see what can be done on this. He indicated that he sent an email to Senator Reed's Office to see if a meeting could be set up to discuss some of the issues and then possibly having a public meeting.

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Council Majority Leader Archetto, it was voted to continue this item to the next meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Debra Peluso – 110 Lake St. (would like to address the Committee on what her avenue is for reimbursement, if any, for flood she incurred). (Cont. from 2/19/2014).**

Chair stated that we still have not received a letter from Ms. Peluso.

On motion by Council President Lanni, seconded by Council Minority Leader Favicchio, it was voted to continue this item to the next meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Status of Fletcher Ave. Flood Wall (Councilman Santamaria)**

Mr. Mason stated that tomorrow afternoon, the Planning Department will be meeting with NRCS and they need to meet because they need to recertify this project on a cost benefit analysis. After that, NRCS will make their determination whether to recertify this project and the permitting will continue.

On motion by Council Minority Leader Favicchio, seconded by Council President Lanni, it was voted to continue this item to the next meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Mr. Capobianco asked Mr. Mason if a meeting has been set up with the State to clean the catch basins throughout the City, as it was stated at the last meeting. Mr. Mason stated that a request was made to the State to come in and clean the catch basins that they own in the City. Mr. Capobianco asked if this has been done. Mr. Mason stated that he does not know for sure. Chair asked that Mr. Mason report back at the next meeting.

Mr. Papino asked that Mr. Mason find out if the catch basins have been cleaned in the Fordson Ave. neighborhood as well. Mr. Mason stated that those are City catch basins, but he will check into this also.

The next Flood Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 11th at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni

Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committee