



**FLOOD MITIGATION TASK FORCE
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
(April 20, 2016)**

The Flood Mitigation Task Force convened in a regular meeting on April 20, 2016 at One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Road in Austin, Texas.

Task Force Members in Attendance:

Ana Aguirre, Marvin Chaney, Rolando Delgado, John Gleason, Dale Gray, Jeff Henke, Ken Jacob, Robert Kibbie, Rose Marie Klee, Rollin MacRae, Elloa Matthews, Carol Olewin, Matthew L. Rienstra (arrived at 7:40), Jay Scanlon, and Dorsey Twidwell

Staff in Attendance: William Burdick, Morgan Byars, Jean Drew, Kelly Gagnon, Alex Gale, Michael Gates, Joydeep Goswami, Jose Guerrero, Matt Hollon, Larry Jantzen, Pam Kearfott, Mike Kelly, Lynne Lightsey, Eric Loucks, Karl McArthur, John Middleton, Keith Noble, Joe Pantalio, Katie Pfeil, Scott Prinsen, Jerry Reynolds, Kathy Rock, Kevin Shunk, Kelly Strickler, and Reem Zoun

Vice Chair Dale Gray called the Task Force meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Mary Owens (Zilker neighborhood) spoke about the localized flooding she has experienced at her home, her unsuccessful attempt at recourse in court, and her difficulties obtaining City approval to construct a retaining wall on her property.

Ray Combs (Upper Onion Creek neighborhood) spoke about the flooding he experienced at his home, his concerns about the speed of City response, and the impacts the proposed mitigation strategies outlined in the Flood Mitigation Task Force final report subsection 4 (“Onion Creek Mitigation”) could have on his home.

Chris Frandsen (Upper Onion Creek neighborhood) spoke about the flooding he experienced at his home, that he and his family cannot move back in, and his desire to know what mitigation actions will be taken in his neighborhood, and encouraged the task force members to use strong language in their final report.

Task Force Member Robert Kibbie spoke about his personal experiences with flooding and his expectations for the Flood Mitigation Task Force.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Task Force Member Dale Gray requested that the approval of the April 14, 2016 meeting minutes be postponed until staff could clarify whether a quorum of task force members is needed to approve a motion.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Flood Mitigation Task Force Final Report to Council; approval process of final report
Discussed the conceptual layout of the Final Report to Council. No action taken.
- b. Discuss Specific Subsections of the Flood Mitigation Task Force Final Report to Council and receive staff input on Report Subsections
Discussed section 1b (Property Buyouts & Floodplain Variances) of the Final Report to Council. No action taken.

4. VOTING ITEMS

- a. Specific Subsections of Flood Mitigation Task Force Final Report to Council
No action was taken.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Future meeting topics and staff input
The Flood Mitigation Task Force will meet on the following dates: Monday, April 25 at 6 p.m. and Tuesday, April 26 at 6 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Matthew L. Rienstra adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m. without objection.

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