4/26/22 Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

- Welcome, Approve Minutes from 1/25/22 (5 min) - Chair
  - No quorum to approve minutes

- Introductions by any new stakeholders in attendance (5 min)
  - Katie Coyne - new member
    - Environmental Officer in Watershed Protection Department
    - Background in urban ecological design

- General updates (5 min)
  - Ivey back from maternity leave
  - Atha Phillips
    - City representative from district 9

- Watershed Action Plan implementation updates (10 min) - Sierra
  - ATD building 3 rain gardens on SCB; SCC will maintain
  - SCC building 2 rain gardens @ 29th; pending CAPP proposal
    - Challenges with finding engineer within budget
    - Site visit is on Friday, April 29 at the southwest corner of 29th street and Lamar
  - New & upcoming riparian buffer zone expansions
    - Site visit with Parks and Recreation on Friday, April 29 at the Gaston dog park
  - GSI maintenance (Rain Garden Adopters) pilot program
    - Shoal Creek conservancy is taking over maintenance of three rain gardens with the help of volunteers
    - Two of the gardens are in Pease Park, Located at the south west corner of 29th street and Lamar
  - Pet waste stations
    - Watershed Protection Department ready to order supplies for three new stations; waiting on Parks and Recreation approval

- Rain to River strategic plan (15 min) - Jessica Wilson + Nick Kincaid
  - Previously the Watershed Protection Strategic Plan
  - Acts as a blueprint for the department
  - Acts as an evaluation framework
 Acts as a communication tool
 The original plan was adopted in 2001
 The new plan will track demographic data to better reflect the community
 The new plan will address racial inequity, climate change, and population growth
 The new plan will follow a 10 year cycle
 The new plan will be more accessible to the community featuring easier to understand language
 The new plan will focus on what the community wants/values
 The new plans objectives will be measurable and attainable
 The new plan will be broken into three phases
   ■ Phase 1 consist of gathering community input, 2022
   ■ Phase 2 consists of translating input from phase 1 into a draft, 2023
   ■ Phase 3 consists of completing the plan with community support, 2024
 The plan will prioritize
   ■ Underserved and marginalized groups
   ■ Those impacted or who could be impacted by floods, buyouts, pollution
   ■ Organizations with expertise in the field

• Next meetings- July 26, virtual. October 25, possibly in-person.

• Questions, Adjourn (5 min)