

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
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- Next meetings- July 26, virtual. October 25, possibly in-person.
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- Questions, Adjourn (5 min)