

Date December 4, 2023

**RECEIVE AND FILE PUBLIC WORKS  
STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Des Moines Stormwater Infrastructure Advisory Committee Policy and Rules, the Stormwater Infrastructure Advisory Committee (“SIAC”) is charged with drafting an annual report on Committee activities and status of Committee goals and submitting said report to the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the SIAC has completed its report for 2022, including comments from the SIAC Chair regarding SIAC efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, said 2022 Annual Report and Chair comments are hereby submitted to the Council to receive and file.

(Council Communication No. 23-542)

**MOVED** by \_\_\_\_\_ to receive and file.

**SECOND** by \_\_\_\_\_.

Approved as to Form:

/s/ Glenna K. Frank  
Glenna K. Frank, Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
BOESEN				
COLEMAN				
GATTO				
MANDELBAUM				
VOSS				
WESTERGAARD				
COLEMAN				
TOTAL				

**CERTIFICATE**

I, Laura Baumgartner, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

\_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_ City Clerk

**City of Des Moines**  
**Stormwater Infrastructure Advisory Committee**  
**2022 Annual Report to City Council**

As required in the current Stormwater Infrastructure Advisory Committee Policy and Rules, a brief summary of the 2022 activities of the committee and status of the committee goals are included for submission to the City Council in this report.

**Committee Overview**

The Des Moines Stormwater Infrastructure Advisory Committee has had a productive year. They continued to educate themselves about the Des Moines Stormwater Utility and actively engage with the development of the City-Wide Stormwater Master Plan process.

The committee had stable membership for 2022. The current committee consists of the following members.

Member	Ward	Member	Ward
Gloria Hoffmann	1 – Chair	Theresa Finnegan	3
Kieth Sjostrom	1	Carolyn Uhlenhake-Walker	3
Steve Wallace	2	Ricardo Corona	4
Nancy Suby-Bohn	2		

**Committee Recommendations/Actions/Motions**

The committee continued their involvement with the efforts of the City in the development of stormwater planning and projects. As such, they had multiple recommendations and motions to Public Works staff to implement.

The first was a request at the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting for Public Works staff to present the Stormwater Master Plan at a City Council meeting to be received and filed for public record, and a request that the master plan be utilized as an analysis and planning tool for stormwater management and budget purposes for the foreseeable future.

The second was a motion at the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting to have a supplemental meeting on October 25, 2022 in order to review and discuss the draft Stormwater Master Plan that was scheduled for submission by October 18, 2022.

The third was a motion at the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting to that the SIAC has reviewed and provided feedback on the Stormwater Master Plan and support implementation of the plan by the City.

The fourth was a motion at the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting that the Public Works staff request a minimum 5-million-dollar allocation from the Local Option Sales Tax fund annually for the implementation of the Stormwater Master Plan and the ongoing Stormwater Capital Program.

The fifth was a motion at the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting that the Public Works staff pursue external funding for the implementation of the Stormwater Master plan from any and all the available sources.

The sixth was a motion at the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting for the SIAC chair to present a request to the City that the stormwater master plan become an ongoing annual line item in the CIP budget.

The seventh was a motion at the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting that the Public Works staff request a review of the Stormwater Utility Fee annually for appropriate levels to fund the implementation of the Stormwater Master Plan and the ongoing Stormwater Capital Program.

The eighth was a motion at the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting that "Green Infrastructure" continue to be incorporated at a large scale by the City Council and City Staff, since "Gray Infrastructure" alone will not prevent flooding in 100 Year and 500 Year Flood Events.

The ninth was a motion at the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting for the SIAC committee chair to complete final review of SIAC 2022 annual report and approve as final.

### **Stormwater Master Plan**

The committee continued their active education and review of Phase 2 of the City-Wide Stormwater Master Plan. Multiple meetings included review of the process of development of the master plan. The committee also held a supplemental meeting on October 25, 2022 to review the draft Phase 2 plan and ask questions of City staff and the City's consultant, CDM Smith.

### **Stormwater Projects**

The committee continued to include review of existing and upcoming projects as part of their quarterly meetings. The committee is most appreciative of the support that City Council has provided to execute the currently planned projects in the Closes Creek Watershed, Hamilton Drain Watershed, the Flood Mitigation/Levee Program Improvements, and the City-Wide Stormwater Improvement Projects. The future projects identified as part of the Stormwater Master Plan will need continued support into the future.

### **Committee Meeting Overviews**

The committee held the first quarter meeting of the year on February 15, 2022. The meeting focused on Iowa's changing climate and impacts on urban-suburban

stormwater with a presentation by the State Climatologist of Iowa, Justin Glisan. There was a good discussion about the impacts on stormwater by climate changes. The meeting also covered public outreach, stormwater master plan update, stormwater legislative updates, and the SIAC annual report.

The committee held the second quarter meeting of the year on May 17, 2022. The meeting was focused on an overview by Chad Johnston with CDM Smith on the stormwater master planning process being developed. Additional discussion centered around public outreach, the proposed stream buffer ordinance, ARPA funding, and a review of stormwater projects and budgets.

The committee held the third quarter meeting of the year on August 16, 2022. The main focus of the meeting was again the status of the Stormwater Master Plan and was presented by Chad Johnson with CDM Smith. A review of the budget process calendar, ARPA funding, stormwater capital projects/budget was also covered in the meeting.

The committee held a supplemental meeting on October 25, 2022. The meeting primary purpose of the meeting was a review of the draft Stormwater Master Plan. Again, Chad Johnson with CDM Smith was presenting the results of the draft plan, and the committee had an extensive discussion about the draft plan.

The committee held the fourth quarter meeting on November 15, 2022. The agenda for the meeting included the Stormwater Master Plan and committee motions related to the plan. The meeting also covered the budget process, capital projects, review of the annual report, and future committee topics for discussion.

Patrick Beane  
Recording Secretary  
Des Moines Public Works Clean Water Program Administrator

## Gloria Hoffmann Stormwater Infrastructure Advisory Committee Chair Comments

- Thank you to the Council past and present and staff for their attention to this very important issue.
- More has been accomplished in the past 5 years than in the previous 20 years related to stormwater, and the committee is very appreciative of all of that work.
- You have my 2022 annual report, and the committee decided to delay presentation of the report to Council so it was done in conjunction with the presentation of the Stormwater Master Plan.
- In 2022, the committee was involved with the development of the stormwater master plan and the committee report.
- In my report, there are several recommendations from the committee.
- There needs to be a continued review of the stormwater utility fees which is the only dedicated source of funding for stormwater work.
- The committee is recommending that additional LOSST funds are directed towards implementation of the stormwater master plan.
- The committee is also recommending that PW staff pursue external funding for implementation of the stormwater master plan from any and all available sources.
- The committee appreciates the previous action to create a specific CIP budget line item for implementation of the stormwater master plan.
- The study and master plan were extensive and expensive and have identified 15 priority projects that are estimated to cost \$125 million. Additional projects will be developed and funding is required for those projects in the future.
- These projects have a financial, safety and environmental impact on our City.
- I want to thank the committee and Patrick Beane for their work in getting the plan to this point. It has been an honor to serve the City.