



Lowell City Council

Environment & Flood SC

Michael Q. Geary
City Clerk

Date: January 14, 2025
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: City Council Chamber / Zoom
Lowell City Hall, Lowell, Ma.

PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were Chairperson Belanger, C. Robinson, C. Yem. Other present was Katherine Moses (DPD-Sustainability)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairperson Belanger called the meeting to order noting the motions presented to the subcommittee.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Ms. Moses provided presentation regarding the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) and Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) providing a history of the development of these plans. The plans were developed to address challenges and prioritize them and were integrated with each other. Ms. Moses commented on the community partners and input from experts in respected fields, especially flooding and storm management. Ms. Moses noted developing plans enabled many grant opportunities and outlined the various grants available. Ms. Moses described the use of data to address current and future issues. C. Belanger noted the report. C. Robinson noted the effort of Ms. Moses and the benefit she provides for the City. C. Robinson commented issues with the Clay Pit Brook and the Beaver Brook area. Ms. Moses recognized work done in those areas and the work that needs to be done. C. Robinson noted need for outdoor recreational



sustainability in the playgrounds, schools and parks which would include covering possibilities. Ms. Moses indicated that all ideas are welcomed and commented on resurfacing and coverage programs for outdoor recreation. Ms. Moses also highlighted the many beneficial programs available through Mass Save. C. Robinson requested information regarding the Centralville reservoir. Ms. Moses noted that it was critical infrastructure which are a part of mitigation planning. Ms. Moses mentioned the current tree removal and replacement program currently ongoing. C. Yem noted the importance of the implementation of sustainable options in the City, including trees, heat index control and beatification. C. Yem commented on alerts for water levels on the river, pure electric homes and disaster planning and requested any updates regarding them. **Motion** by C. Yem, seconded by C. Robinson to provide information to developers on public land regarding sustainability options. Adopted per Roll Call vote 3 yeas (C. Belanger, C. Robinson, C. Yem). So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by C. Yem, seconded by C. Robinson. So Voted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM

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