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APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING

August 4, 2011

Convened 8:30am
Adjourned 2:00pm

Projects Reviewed

Barton Pump Station
Midvale Stormwater Facility
Vacation Process

Commissioners Present

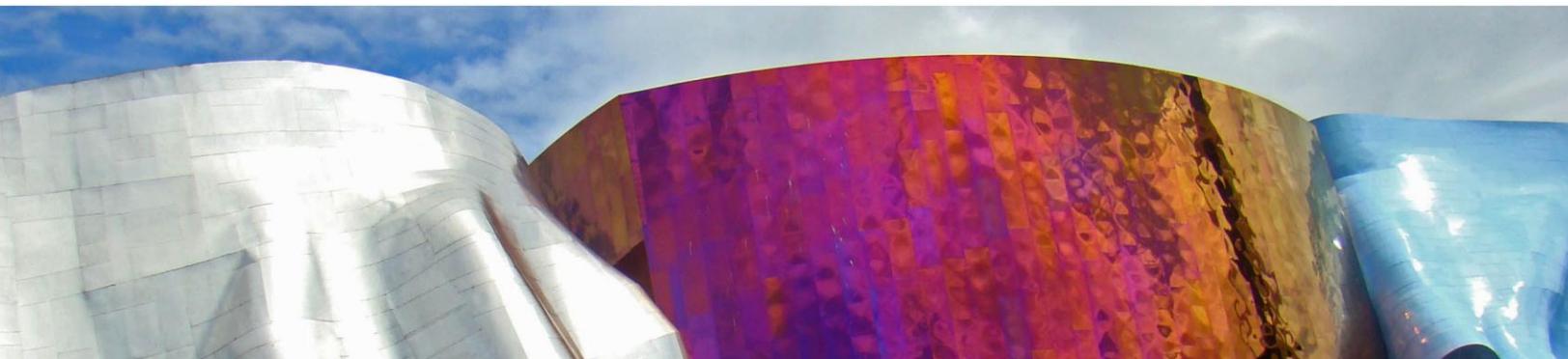
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August 4, 2011 **Project:** **Vacation Process**
Phase: Briefing
Last Reviewed: Oct 1, 2009
Presenters: Beverly Barnett, SDOT

Attendees: Ron Hornung, community member

Time: 11:45am-12:45pm

Briefing

Beverly Barnett, manager of the street and alley vacation process in SDOT, gave the commission a primer on the vacation process. Both City Council and SDOT rely on the commission's actions for vacations. City Council makes the decision whether to vacate a street or alley.

City Council first adopted street vacation policies in 1986. The policies focus on three areas for evaluation of vacation requests: 1. Public Trust Functions; 2. Land Use Impacts; and 3. Public Benefit. The city judges the vacation's impact on the public trust, which includes the purposes of the streets – such as circulation, access, utilities, light, air and open space. The city also judges the land use impacts of the vacation: the change to the grid pattern and the extent to which the proposed development is compliant with the comp plan. Lastly, the city judges the proposed public benefit, specifically what the city expects to receive for the vacation, usually a tangible, physical benefit such as open space or improvements to the public realm above what the code requires.

Only abutting property owner can petition the city for a vacation. SDOT circulates the petitions widely to local agencies and communities groups. It collects comments, identifies issues, and makes recommendations to City Council. Council grants preliminary approval; after the petitioner builds the project, satisfies all conditions and pays the fees and appraised value, the City Council passes an ordinance formally vacating the right-of-way property.