



**City Light Review Panel Meeting
Meeting Minutes**

Date of Meeting: May 14, 2019 | 11:00AM – 2:00PM | SMT32

MEETING ATTENDANCE					
Panel Members:					
Names		Name		Name	
Gail Labanara	√	John Putz	Skype	Mikel Hansen	
Sara Patton	√	Patrick Jablonski	Skype	Leon Garnett	√
Thomas Buchanan	√	Chris Mefford		Vacant – Position #2	
Staff and Others:					
Debra Smith	√	Jen Chan	√	Karen Reed (Consultant /RP Facilitator)	√
Kirsty Grainger	√	Carsten Croff	√	Leigh Barreca	√
Scott Thomsen	√	Calvin Chow		Maura Brueger	√
Gregory Shiring	√	Erin House		Kiersten Grove	√
Eric McConaghy	√	Josh Czebotar	√	Kathleen Wingers	√
Andy Strong	√	Mendy Droke	√	Emeka Anyanwu	√

Welcome. Patrick Jablonski convened the meeting at 11:07 AM. A round of introductions followed.

The election of new Panel officers was deferred until arrival of a quorum.

Public Comment. There was no public comment. Staff informed the Review Panel that Alex Tsimerman has been banned from City Hall and Seattle Municipal Tower for one year. The Panel could invite Mr. Tsimerman to comment if they choose; however, they have declined to extend such an invitation.

Review of Agenda. Karen Reed, facilitator, reviewed the agenda.

Approval Meeting Minutes of April 16 was referred pending a quorum.

Chair’s Report. Patrick Jablonski, participating by phone, did not have a report.

Panel Vacancy Update. Councilmember Mosqueda has nominated Mikhaila Gonzales to fill the remaining panel vacancy. Paperwork is moving forward at Council. Leigh Barreca noted that both Chris Mefford and Mikel Hansen had conflicts today.

Communications to Panel. There were no communications to the Panel. The meeting packets include the requested update on AMI, and information related to the Seattle Greenspace Coalition request presented at the last meeting.

At this point Sara Patton joined the meeting.



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General Manager & CEO's Update. Debra Smith noted that the reorganization of the department has taken effect. Leigh will report to Jen Chan, Debra's Chief of Staff. Paula Laschober has transitioned to SPU as their interim Chief Financial Officer. Kirsty Grainger has been appointed the interim SCL Chief Financial Officer; a recruitment will happen later this year. Emeka Anyanwu is here today to talk about our plans for electrification. The power pole collapse incident on East Marginal Way is under investigation. Debra has pulled capital projects from today's agenda, pending more work on process improvements; her desire is to see a more holistic approach here. The "major capital projects" report is also not ready but will come forward next month.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair. A quorum of the Panel being present, the group elected officers for the next year. Karen outlined the process and opened the floor for nominations. Patrick Jablonski declined to be nominated. Gail Labanara was nominated and agreed to stand for election. There were no further nominations. **Gail was unanimously elected Panel Chair.** Karen next opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chair. Leon Garnett was nominated and agreed to stand for election. There were no further nominations. **Leon was unanimously elected Vice Chair.** There was a round of applause and thanks to the new officers, and to Patrick for his service.

Approval of Meeting Summary of April 16. Gail noted the need for a clarification on page 1 under the discussion of the request from Seattle Greenspace Coalition. Rather than say "add a box on all bills seeking...donations", the wording should be clarified to read "add a box **to check** on all bills." **As amended, the meeting summary was unanimously approved.**

Roadmap Check-In. Leigh Barreca reviewed the updated Road Map which covers actions between now and the implementation of updated Rate Design in January 2021. Leigh noted that the Council action on pilots has been delayed and the City Council is not planning any response to the Rate Design Report at this time. There were several questions regarding the document. Leigh will make clarifying revisions to the roadmap.

Review and Update of Panel Charter. Karen summarized the proposed revisions to the Charter to address disruptions from members of the public. The amendments are based on current City Council rules. The amendments are still under legal review. This item will be placed on the June agenda for action.

At this point the Panel took a brief break and then reconvened.

City Light Legislative Updates. Mendy Droke presented an overview of key legislation impacting City Light.

- The *Clean Energy Bill* (ESSB 5116) was a very high-profile piece of legislation; we don't yet know the impact on SCL. The Utility is currently meeting the 2030 standards in the legislation. City Light will need to incorporate the requirements of this bill into the Integrated Resource Plan. The Bill does include some low-income assistance projects. Gas fired plants are not considered "clean energy" under the legislation. The Bonneville Power



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Administration will likely need to track which power is clean and which is not going forward. Unclear as yet what the impact will be on the Energy Imbalance Markets.

- The Electrification of Transportation Bill (SHB 1523) includes a cap of .25% on the amount rates can increase per year to fund costs of transportation electrification.
- The low carbon fuel standards bill did not pass.
- The Distributed Energy Resources Planning Bill passed—it is not prescriptive.
- An energy efficiency standards bill passed, impacting retrofit of large commercial buildings. Unclear whether this will create a lot of work for the Utility. A small amount of tax credit funding is available to help building owners.
- Legislation also passed to reinstate state tax credits for the purchase of new or used electric vehicles.
- A cap and trade bill did not pass but will likely be back next year.

2019 Q1 Reporting Package - Strategic Plan /Financial Update. Leigh and Kirsty presented the three new reports for (1) updating current Strategic Plan accomplishments, (2) Dashboard of Operational Metrics, and (3) Financial Status of the Utility. Panel Members are encouraged to forward any questions or suggestions to Leigh or Kirsty.

In response to a question, Debra noted that the formal opening of Denny Substation has not yet been scheduled.

Panel Work Plan Review. Leigh and Karen reviewed an updated Work Plan covering the time frame between May 2019 and May 2020. Some items may be deferred pending staff availability and workload.

Next Meeting Agenda. The Panel Charter will be discussed. Councilmember Mosqueda is planning to attend the July meeting.

Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 1:43PM.