

Meeting Notes



SPU Creeks, Drainage & Wastewater Advisory Committee (CDWAC)

November 14th, 2012
Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 Fifth Avenue
Room 5965
5 p.m.-7 p.m.

Co-Chair: Chris Hoffer

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Present: Suzie Burke, Chris Hoffer, Noel Miller
Phone: C'Ardiss Gardner Gleser, Tasha Gray;
Absent: Kendra Aguilar, Cheryl Klinker, Rodney Jones, Brianne Zorn
Staff: Bruce Bachen, Ben Marre, Tracy Tackett, Celia Kennedy, Sheryl Shapiro, Linda Rogers
Guests: Jeremy Andrews

5:10 PM Call to Order

1. Regular Business (Chairs; All)

- a. Approve meeting notes – October notes not ready; will review at December meeting
- b. Membership updates: four members' terms end in March; application for an additional term is available.
- c. Activities since last meeting:
 - King Conservation District grant proposal review – Chris Hoffer reviewed his experience in this review process. Was interesting to see what the City is interested in for funding; good for citizens to be engaged. Felt input was taken seriously. Focus was on underserved areas of the City. Used equity criteria – all applicants were to address how their project would address underserved communities.
 - National Conference on Dialogue and Deliberation – Sheryl Shapiro briefly shared her experience with this conference and materials brought back. Will share more at future meetings.
 - Governing for Racial Equity Conference, to be held at Seattle University, Dec. 13-14.2012; funding available for those who may wish to attend. Notify Sheryl ASAP of interest.

Monthly Topics:

2. Potential Interface of Seattle Neighborhood Greenways – GSI/CSO Projects – Tracy Tackett and Ben Marre, SPU

SPU staff presented update on GSI/CSO projects for Seattle Neighborhood Greenways. Community groups have provided locations where they would like to see Neighborhood Greenways and SPU has looked for overlap with CSO control basins. SPU has identified types of upgrades, such as Delridge hydrobrake that would provide better active control. This is to be designed in 2013, constructed in 2014, with completion in 2015. Challenge is 60% of Seattle's footprint on private land is with single family residences, so it makes stormwater control on residential property very important. See PowerPoint for more details.

Noel Miller volunteered to attend the neighborhood focus group meetings for Venema and Ballard stormwater infrastructure projects.

3. Madison Valley Projects Update – Celia Kennedy, SPU

Celia Kennedy presented project updates with details. Project provides substantial storage capacity and is just about completed. See PowerPoint for details.

4. Director's Update (Bruce Bachen)

- SPU will be developing a strategic plan for City Council, modeled after one completed for Seattle City Light. Intent is to seek external review of priorities for SPU, establish future direction and plan rates. Includes looking at how Community Advisory Committees (CACs) will/may be involved.
- Drainage and Wastewater Divisions are evaluating how to structure its staff around key functions in order to better deliver plans, programmatic deliveries, and science and technological services
- Met with Education and Outreach staff regarding current programs that involve landscaping practices, RainWise program, rain gardens, water conservation, composting, solid waste, and removable pollutants. Some of these programs serve other lines of business as well.
 - Identifying priorities within education program and how to best deliver them for greater effectiveness and efficiency
 - Question asked: Will CDWAC have an opportunity to comment before this is finalized? Bruce indicated they would.
- Update on 107th & Midvale project – expected to be on-line by Thanksgiving; geared up for fall rains
- Seawall EIS is out; includes additional treatment for roadway runoff
- NPDES stormwater appeal – hearing approximately Oct 2013; SPU is an intervener

5. Around the Table:

- Chris :Green Seattle Partnership Day
- Noel: Attended Open House Phase 2 Ballard Rain gardens; Andrew Lee (CSO Program) did a great job with his presentation.
Volunteering as a mentor to an 8th grade group at Washington Middle School participating in the Future City Project, sponsored by National Engineers Week. The students are working on the integration of green infrastructure as a project focus.
 - Suggestion was made to possibly have students come to CDWAC meeting and make a presentation of their project .
- Sheryl: Attended a National Conference on Dialogue and Deliberation held in Seattle, which focused on “building civic infrastructure. “Many wonderful workshops on public engagement at different scales: regional, state, cities, and neighborhoods. Visit www.ncdd.org for a wealth of resources. “

Race and Social Justice Initiative, Equitable Development Workgroup; held its first strategy session at City Hall for representatives from all City Departments to examine issues/synergies in community development, particularly around preventing displacement of residents. Monthly meeting of non-profits focused on green stormwater infrastructure is Thursday,

Nov 15th. Meeting is usually the 3rd Thursday of each month for those who might be interested in attending future meetings.

Wrap Up

6. Review

- **ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. Governing for Racial Equity Conference, to be held at Seattle University, Dec. 13-14.2012; funding available for those who may wish to attend. Notify Sheryl ASAP of interest.
- b. Members whose terms are ending in March. 2013 should contact Sheryl regarding their intention to apply for an additional term.

7. Preliminary agenda for next meeting Dec. 12, 2012

- Sea Level rise
- Rollout for Rainwise Plan and public meeting
- Budget update
- 2013 Workplan Brainstorm
- Cross-Committee Subcommittees formation – January meeting

7:00 PM Meeting adjourned