



CREEKS, DRAINAGE AND WASTEWATER CUSTOMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING Summary
SMT 4096
January 13, 2010
5:00 – 7:00

Administration:

- Members Present: Steve Ruden, Eric Dripps, Suzie Burke, Cheryl Klinker, Lydia Heard, Jay Stark, Doug Mora
- SPU Staff Present: Trish Rhay, Bruce Bachen, Sheryl Shapiro, Martha Burke, Maria Coe, Sue Morrison
- Chair Cheryl Klinker called the meeting to order.

AGENDA TOPICS:

Committee Business

Cheryl Klinker

Introductions were made around the meeting table for new SPU staff and existing committee members.

Cheryl Klinker thanked retiring SPU Policy Liaison Martha Burke for her support and work with the committee, and presented Martha with a thank you card and plant. Martha will continue working at SPU for Gary Schimek.

Sheryl Shapiro is the new SPU Policy Liaison. She works in the Utilities Systems Management Branch in the Planning and Portfolio Management section. Her work areas include program planning and delivery, public engagement, sustainability, environmental justice, and green jobs. She has worked in the Longfellow Creek Watershed for many years.

November meeting minutes approved as written.

Finance Report

Maria Coe

Maria Coe presented a financial briefing to the committee including information regarding various topics including changes to SPU's Council Committee, information about the DWW fund, bond sales, storm water facility credit, and the upcoming rate study.

Maria noted that if CDWAC has issues they would like considered in the rate study, these can be added and reviewed.

Trish Rhay added that increases can be taken forward to Ray Hoffman in the form of a budget increment proposal (BIP). Example provided: Street sweeping to address water quality would be taken to Ray and the E-Team in the form of a BIP.



Committee member Doug Mora suggested that it would be helpful to see a menu of programs that are funded so the committee can potentially suggest additions.

SPU Strategic Plan & Outlook for Drainage and Wastewater

Trish Rhay

Drainage and Wastewater was previously one unit. It was decided to divide up the responsibilities and two groups resulted: Drainage & Wastewater Systems Management which is directed by Trish Rhay and Drainage & Wastewater Quality which is directed by Bruce Bachen.

Drainage & Wastewater Systems Management Division Overview

Trish Rhay

Trish reviewed the organizational structure, 2009 highlights, and 2010 highlights. See details of Trish's review at the end of this document.

Drainage & Wastewater Quality Division Overview

Bruce Bachen

Bruce reviewed the organizational structure, which includes four work groups: Watershed science and strategy, water quality, source control and monitoring, restore our waters and storm water code. Bruce also reviewed division responsibilities, 2009 highlights, and 2010 highlights. See details of Bruce's review at the end of this document.

CDWAC Work plan

Cheryl Klinker / Bruce Bachen

The committee needs to look at membership with respect to expiration of terms and recruitment of new members. Sheryl Shapiro is active in the in the City's Race & Social Justice Initiative at SPU and will be working to address diversity in committee membership. . Materials related to the City's Race & Social Justice Initiative will be provided to committee members well in advance of the next meeting.

It was suggested by Steve Ruden that the work plan be broken up by business area to determine timing for work plan items. Sheryl indicated that the intent is to group work plan by quarter and by need.

The committee agreed to work from a tentative schedule and at the end of each meeting, work plan topics can be shuffled to meet SPU's business needs, if needed.

Wrap Up

Cheryl Klinker / Sheryl Shapiro

Two meetings will occur in February: Regularly scheduled monthly CDWAC meeting on Wednesday, February 10th, and the CAC-wide annual meeting at the end of February or beginning of March. CDWAC members will be notified of the CAC-wide meeting date and time as soon as this information is finalized.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.