



CREEKS, DRAINAGE AND WASTEWATER CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING NOTES

SMT 4096

January 14, 2009 5:00 – 7:00

Attendance:

Present: Suzie Burke, Eric Dripps, Lydia Heard, Cheryl Klinker, Douglas Mora, Steve Ruden, Jay Stark

Absent: Nancy Malmgren

SPU Staff Present: Martha Burke, Renee Burchfield, Craig Omoto, Tracy Tackett

Chair Report – Cheryl Klinker

Review and approval of prior meeting minutes.

Policy Overview of the City of Seattle Snow and Ice Procedures by Ingrid Wertz

Ingrid Wertz is a Water Quality Specialist with Drainage & Wastewater Division Urban Watersheds.

Ingrid provided an overview of the City of Seattle snow removal practice.

SDOT practice regarding salt use during ice and snow procedures. SDOT is the lead and SPU provides support on technical issues.

From the Mayors Dec. 31, 2008 press release;

In future storms, SDOT will continue to use liquid de-icer but will spread salt under the following emergency conditions:

- if 4 inches or more of snow are predicted
- if ice is predicted
- if extreme cold is predicted to last longer than 3 days
- on hills, arterials, and designated snow bus routes
- on routes to hospitals and other emergency facilities indicated by Fire and Police
- on other facilities as dictated by the professional judgment of the Director of the Seattle Department of Transportation.

Nickels also instructed all city departments involved with winter storm operations – transportation, police, fire, human services, City Light, and Seattle Public Utilities – to review their performance and make policy recommendations by Jan. 30.

Action Items:

Prepare SPU Position Paper on City of Seattle use of salt during snow and ice removal.

Presentation on “Tool Box” of Green Alternatives and Stormwater Facility Credit Tracy Tackett

Tracy Tackett is the Low Impact Development (LID) Program Lead for SPU Drainage and Wastewater Division.

Tracy discussed the Director’s Rule of the Stormwater Code Manual. Green Stormwater Infrastructure refers to the Director’s Rule implementation of “Low Impact Development”.

Tool Kit includes

- Post Construction Soil Quality and Depth “Composting”
- Tree Retention and Planting; both existing and new trees
- Bio-Retention aka Rain Garden
- Green Roofs
- Permeable Pavement Facilities (mainly commercial)



- Permeable Pavement Surfaces (mainly residential)
- Rainwater Harvesting

Stormwater Code Manual is intended to provide more detailed rules. DPD provides priority facilitated permitting for Green stormwater infrastructure. Right of Way Permit Manual provides direct guidance to developers available at <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/rowmanual/>. Ch. 6.4.

Action Items: Contact Robert Chandler, lead on Stormwater Code Manual to provide CDWAC input during public comment period. Tracy Tackett to provide CDWAC with Residential Rainwise training dates in February & March.

Overview of 2010-2012 Drainage and Wastewater Rate Study

Craig Omoto

Craig Omoto is Rates Manager for SPU Finance.

Craig provided an overview of the Drainage and Wastewater 2010-2012 Rate Study schedule and key milestones.

Key rate issues: no major rate design changes, several major CIP initiatives; final 3/6th phase in of combined system cost from wastewater to drainage; declining revenues, DWF bond issue in late 2009 and mid 2010.

Timeline: Mayor submits proposed budget to City Council in late July; EEMU Review in August-September, EEMU/Council approval in late October.

Other rate issues: Stormwater facility credits effective in 2009; change in low-income rate credit qualification.

Preliminary Agenda for Next Meeting

- Stormwater Code Revision Project
- CAC Annual Meeting

Handouts

- Drainage/Wastewater Rate Study
- Seattle's Natural Drainage Systems: A low-impact development approach to stormwater management.
- SPU Rainwise: Managing Storm Water at Home