

Meeting Notes



SPU Creeks, Drainage & Wastewater Advisory Committee (CDWAC)

April 10, 2012

Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 Fifth Avenue
Room 5965
5 p.m.-7 p.m.

Chair: Noel Miller

Present: Jeremy Andrews, Suzie Burke, Brianne Zorn, Noel Miller, Kendra Aguilar
Absent: C'Ardis Gardner Gleser, Rodney Jones, Cheryl Klinker
Staff: Trish Rhay, Dave Schuchardt, Sheryl Shapiro, Teresa Rayburn
Guests: Michael Bowers, Adam Osbekoff, Aaron Webster, Devin O'Reilly, Tom Bowman

5:07 PM Call to Order

1. Regular Business

- a. Approve meeting notes – March meeting notes approved
- b. Membership updates – none
- c. Activities since last meeting:

Monthly Topics:

2. Lower Duwamish Waterway Cleanup – Dave Schuchardt, SPU staff

- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) listed the Lower Duwamish River – a five-mile stretch through South Seattle – as a federal Superfund site in 2001
- EPA's [proposed cleanup plan](#) for the [Lower Duwamish Superfund](#) site is currently available for public review and comment (through June 13, 2013)
- The City of Seattle joined with King County, Port of Seattle, and Boeing to form the [Lower Duwamish Waterway Group](#) which has funded studies and started early cleanup
- The cost of cleanup is estimated at 95 million dollars; owners of industrial properties along the waterway will be asked to help out financially
- Source control (making sure we are not continuing to add to the contamination) has been going on since the 70s when PCBs and other toxic chemicals were banned
- Examples of the work SPU has done include: sampling and cleaning pipes and drains, tracing contamination sources, inspecting businesses, and street sweeping
- Early action locations have been identified and three locations have already been cleaned up (three more are underway or about to start). This will reduce PCBs by about 50%
- In addition to PCBs, over 40 chemicals in the waterway will also be cleaned up
- Construction in the waterway is estimated to start in 2018
- The [Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition](#) has a calendar of [upcoming events](#) including details of the public hearings on April 30, May 9 and May 29

3. Director's Updates – Trish Rhay, SPU Division Director

- An eight-year SPU Strategic Business Plan is in process and DWW is working to ensure that SPU's infrastructure is covered in the plan; thousands of assets are added each year to meet [NPDES \(National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System\) Permit](#) requirements
- A proposed consent decree for the Combined Sewer Overflow Program can be found on the [Department of Justice website](#); the comment period is not yet scheduled
- Updates on Windermere tank (3 million gallons) and the two Genesee tanks

4. Meeting with Councilmember Godden – postponed until fall

5. Prioritization of field trips:

- Duwamish tour, Madison Valley, Midvale, Meadowbrook Pond

6. Menu of activities for members – what activities can members participate in that are meaningful to the citizens, community, and Utility?

- Social Media: Blog, Twitter, Facebook
- Outreach/attendance at Neighborhood Councils and community events
- Speakers/Guests at business/professional association meetings
- On-line “drop box” for CDWAC communication of resources, opportunities, common files
- Invite Councilmember Godden on field trips
- Contact with Council members, legislative representatives, etc.
- Podcasts
- Digest complex documents and project summaries into “Plain Talk”
- Research
- Virtual meetings
- Accompany SPU staff to neighborhood project meetings

7. Interactive Team Building – Sheryl Shapiro, Policy Liaison

- Group Pattern Language Project (www.groupworksdeck.org)

8. Wrap Up/Review

- **Recommendations**
- **Action Items and Announcements**
- **Preliminary agenda for next meeting May 8, 2013**

7:02 PM Meeting adjourned