

Meeting Notes



**SPU Creeks, Drainage & Wastewater Advisory Committee
(CDWAC)**

December 11, 2013
Seattle Municipal Tower
Conference Room 5965
5 p.m.-7 p.m.

Co-chairs: Noel Miller and Brianne Zorn

Present: Jeremy Andrews, Suzie Burke, Noel Miller, Cheryl Klinker, Kendra Aguilar, C'Ardis Gardner Gleser
Absent: Brianne Zorn, Devin O'Reilly
Staff: Tim Croll, Teresa Rayburn, Don Anderson, Susan Stoltzfus
Guests: Fiona McCargo, Marilyn Baylor, Schyler Hecht

5:05 PM Call to Order

1. Regular Business

Monthly Topics:

2. Venema Creek Natural Drainage System – Don Anderson, SPU staff

- See PowerPoint
- SPU will meet SDOT's sight and distance standards
- Street lighting is not affected
- SPU maintains for functionality; property owners maintain for aesthetics
- We are learning from earlier projects which plants are easy to maintain and will not grow to brambles
- FAQ sheet is located on the website: www.seattle.gov/util/venemacreek
- Concern about crime if trees cause dark spots/cover the street lights
- Additional outreach to raise awareness of the benefits of this type of project
- Provide information on how volunteers can help be good stewards of NDS swales
 - Provide yard waste bags, organized work parties, training, informational materials, possible programs like "adopt-a-grate," info on how to weed, providing a simple owner's manual/citizen's manual of sorts to those located adjacent to NDS swales
- Tools can be a barrier to stewardship. Can SPU provide tools, a tool bank or sorts similar to others, on mobile trailers, when work is organized to occur?
- Clarify within outreach materials on how trees in swales need permission from SDOT to be pruned by residents, include this info in training and citizen owners' guides.

3. DWW Division Update – Tim Croll, Interim DWW Director

- Consent Decree – building more CSOs, studies to alternative CSOs
- County wants SPU to sign new sewage treatment agreements; the current agreement is through 2036
- Long term control plan for CSOs has a draft EIS moving forward in May, 2014
- Integrated Plan: regulators let SPU work on other stormwater projects and defer certain CSOs
- Strategic Business Plan: efficient, savings, new investments, 4 action items in CDWAC area

- New Division Director will be on board by February, 2014

4. CDWAC Workplan Ideas – All CDWAC Members

- Field trips – invite all committees for cross training
 - Construction sites
 - CSOs
- Strategic Business Plan
 - Action plans for LOB (there are 4 in the CDWAC area)
- Duwamish Waterway Cleanup
- Long Term Control Plan – May
 - AC feedback on draft EIS
- Integrated Plan alternative
- Seawall
- Redevelopment of Viaduct area
- Shoreline restoration
- GSI – resolution in June
- Natural Drainage Systems
- Inclusive Outreach
- Programs for Businesses
- Community Integrated Plan

5. Race and Social Justice Initiative: Next Steps – Kendra Aguilar, CDWAC Member

- Integrate the Strategic Business Plan (SBP) Outreach meetings with RSJI
- Incorporate into other community meetings that people may attend, but not necessarily come for SBP
- Use community based organizations and the Department of Neighborhoods as resources
- Provide food at all community meetings
- Invite people from our communities to attend meetings with us

6. Wrap Up/Review

- Recommendations
- Action Items and Announcements
- Preliminary agenda for next meeting: January 8, 2014
 - a. Discussion/feedback on exhibit and workshops
 - b. Sign up for outreach meetings (will have schedule by then)

6:53 PM Meeting adjourned