

Meeting Notes



SPU Creeks, Drainage & Wastewater Advisory Committee (CDWAC)

December 12th, 2012

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

Co-Chair: Chris Hoffer

Co-Chair: Noel Miller

Present: Kendra Aguilar, Suzie Burke, C'Ardiss Gardner Gleser, Chris Hoffer, Cheryl Klinker, Noel Miller, Brianne Zorn

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Absent: Tasha Gray, Rodney Jones

Staff: Bruce Bachen, Sheryl Shapiro, Linda Rogers, Teresa Rayburn; Shelly Basketfield, James Rufo-Hill

Guests: Joel Creswell, Jeremy Andrews

5:05 PM Call to Order

1. Regular Business (Chairs; All)

- a. Approve meeting notes – November meeting notes approved.
- b. Membership updates: three members' terms end in March; application for an additional term is available. Please submit to Sheryl Shapiro as quickly as possible
- c. Announcements – CAC has a new support staff member – Teresa Rayburn
- d. Activities since last meeting:
 - Noel Miller attended a Venema project meeting to discuss ways to mitigate runoff infiltration and heavy backups. Next meeting is January 9th for those who may wish to attend.
 - Chris Hoffer attended a viewing of [Symphony of the Soil](#) on soil, human, and environmental health

Monthly Topics:

2. Street Sweeping Program Update – Shelly Basketfield, SPU staff

- See PowerPoint for specific details

Reviewed program, and discussed next steps, which include:

- Curb Access Pilot study – when sweeper is scheduled to come into residential area
 - First study to focus on the working with the public
 - Have had two years focus on arterials, ongoing at night
 - 2012 increased budget for street sweeping by 40%
 - Are presently meeting goals
 - Next push is into residential areas during the day – targeted for 2017
 - Move forward gradually; every three years request funding for additional ten routes, to be implemented five at a time
 - Identify 10 areas for residential street sweeping; areas with curbs
 - Identify actions by 2013 and 2014 quarters

- Questions included:
 - In what areas would CDWAC like to provide input?
 - Where in the process would CDWAC like to provide input?
 - How would CDWAC like to provide input?
 - What questions do we want to answer with the pilot study? What outcomes do we anticipate?
 - Social costs relating to income
 - Safety a factor
- Brainstormed questions about and options for getting information to neighborhoods
 - Which areas are targeted?
 - What prioritization criteria are to be used?
 - Have any efforts been made to reach out to public?
 - Suggested contacts for communication: district councils; environmental organizations, schools
- CDWAC available to review Fact Sheet to share with contacts before outreach efforts.
- Review sign for input before implemented.
- Issues of concern on signage: signs have to meet federal standards, so may be limited in what can be done
- Investigate work of Salmon Bay Sand & Gravel as good example of commercial street sweeping endeavor

3. Climate Change Impacts: Sea Level Rise and Extreme Precipitation – James Rufo Hill, SPU

James Rufo Hill presented background on sea level rise in the context of climate change issues.

- In Seattle, sea level has risen 8” in last 100 years.
- Most noticeable during storm surges and seasonal high tides, with chronic and episodic components
- Hurricane Sandy raised a number of questions in this area where sea level rise is already at one foot
- There are 17 rain gauges in the city, which aids in “Now-Casting”
- Goal is to provide 1 hour notice to be able to send crew to targeted trouble area
- Great heads-up tool
- Can identify how much rain has fallen over a given time frame
- Moving towards building up meteorological database for gathering statistical purposes; helps us be smarter about the weather.

4. Director’s Update (Bruce Bachen)

- Discussed possible items for 2013 workplan
- At the request of the Seattle city Council SPU strategic plan will be developed using Seattle City Light’s as a model. Intent is to provide a baseline for operations, and set a rate path for the next six years. Community stakeholder involvement will be critical.

5. 2013 Workplan Brainstorm Session – Moving into 2013, potential items for the work plan:

- January 9th meeting: SPU Operations Control Center (OCC) on Airport Way
- Street sweeping outreach strategies
- Update on progress of integrated plan
- Review progress on strategic plan
- Field trip planning
- Cross-jurisdictional projects
- CSO Long Term Control Plan updates, PEIS
- Code updates for GSI/MEF
- Duwamish EPA Plan
- Surface Water Asset Management Program
- Watershed Forum
- Role in integrated plan and Public involvement process
- Outreach
- Possible sub-committees – let Sheryl Shapiro know if you are interested:
 - Assist with recruitment
 - Cross Committee issues/outreach
 - RSJI
 - King Conservation District and other grant reviews

Wrap Up

6. Review

Announcements

- 3rd Thursday GRip group (non-profits focused on GSI, rain gardens); Dec. focus: media
- 12/13 Hearing at Convention Center re: coal train issue
- Governing for Racial Equity Conference, 12/13-14 at Seattle University

7. Preliminary agenda for next meeting January 9, 2013 – At OCC

7:00 PM Meeting adjourned