**CREEKS, DRAINAGE AND WASTEWATER**
**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Summary**
**SMT 5965**
**February 8th, 2012**
**5:00 – 7:00PM**

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**Administration:**

- Members Present: Cheryl Klinker, Suzie Burke, Chris Hoffer, Douglas Mora
- SPU Staff Present: Bruce Bachen, Sheryl Shapiro, Linda Rogers, Susan Harper, Maria Coe, Ed Mirabella
- Visitors Present: Noel Miller, Kendra Aguilar, Betsy Jacobson, UW Student

Meeting called to order at 5:10PM

December meeting notes approved.

**AGENDA TOPICS:**

**CDWAC Business** **Cheryl Klinker, Sheryl Shapiro**

- **March CDWAC Election** – Cheryl announced she is stepping down as chair as her current term is completed. Elections to fill this position will be held at the March meeting. Chris Hoffer indicated he was interested, but will be away for 3 months (March-May). Noel Miller indicated he'd fill in for Chris. This will be sent out to membership for their feedback, and to see if anyone else in interested in chairing CDWAC for 2012.(Postscript: March meeting cancelled)
- **Staffing Update –** currently in hire process for regular position to support all the CACs. At the interview stage; hope to have person on board in time to be at the March meeting. Linda Rogers will continue in the staff support role until this position is filled and the person has been trained to take over the duties.
- **Upcoming Meetings –** Plans are being made for new member orientation, Annual Joint CAC meeting; these will take place around April or May. Also, will be having a CAC Chair meeting with Councilmember Godden. More information to come on this topic.

**Restore Our Waters (ROW) Public Engagement** **Susan Harper**

- Green Infrastructure Partnership Update
  - In partnership, facilitate collaboration effort for voluntary implementation on private property. Information can be obtained from www.12000raingardens.org
  - Update background of group
  - Efforts to work on reaching underserved populations
  - Next 50 (Seattle Center) or Bike to Work events – invited anyone who wants to participate
- RainWise Program

- Ballard pilot area determined due to need – 43M gal overflowed
- 100 customers have implemented rain gardens and/or installed cisterns
  - Who, what look like
- Next expansion to be Delridge, North Union Bay
- Looking at pilot outreach contract – different models
- What are perceived barriers/motivators – engage non-profit agencies to test perceptions
- Asked CDWAC to consider sending a representative to participate in monthly meetings, held 3rd Thursday each month from 2-4 PM

- Watershed Forum Planning – SPU taking lead
  - Participants have typically been leaders and activists
  - Looking for more in pollution prevention and habitat restoration
  - There were approximately 120 participants in the 2011 forum
  - Another forum in planning for 2012
    - Preparing to send out survey to participants – looking at diversity issue; will be available on-line and e-news
    - Asking CDWAC to:
      - Review and/or participate in survey
      - Participate in next forum
      - REI is not available this year; looking for new location – any suggestions on where it might be held?
      - Need facility for up to 150, with room for break-out groups
      - Can meet with Susan
      - Susan is available to come back in March to discuss this further
        - Questions: Who is the audience? Is this to be broadened again?
- Business Partnership Discussion – tabled for future meeting
  - Race conference – May 12 – focus is on environmental justice
  - Looking for better engagement with Seattle Public Schools – teach next generation
  - Meeting information – send to Sheryl to disburse to group
  - Establish sub-committee to work with Susan?

**Budgeting - Prioritizing projects and programs** **Gary Schimek**

- Gary described how SPU is prioritizing the work that is being done by the Drainage and Wastewater Utility as part of the budget processGood level of discussion for activities – what are activities and what are deliverables?
- Looked at Capital and O&M together, same folks/teams
- First step was to agree upon criteria to be used, with emphasis on health and human safety; used same criteria as Portland‘s Bureau of Environmental Services
- Goals and objectives – discussion on how these are distinguished within business areas
- Identified size and scale/information levels – difficult to rank for prioritization
- Criteria fit capital projects much better than for O&M
- Came to better understanding across lines of business and between capital and O&M
- Focus – what would CDWAC like to do in prioritizing process?
  - What scenarios look like – have for March meeting
  - Agree or disagree with ranking – help in determining priorities
- Sediments question – majority are in CIP

- Project driven by clean-up agreements
- Sensitivity to dollars in program

- SDOT – CDWAC agrees with street sweeping
  - Pilot study – amount of sediments picked up in industrial areas significant
  - How cost effective would this be citywide?
  - Type of equipment used is based on what is being picked up
  - If criteria is met, street sweeping is a meaningful cost effective method of protecting stormwater runoffs
  - SPU manages program; contracts with SDOT to Implement

**ACTION ITEM**: CDWAC wants follow-up discussion at March meeting

**Director Updates** **Bruce Bachen**

**Update on Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) Process** **Ed Mirabella**

Ed Mirabella provided an update on the Scoping Report of the LTCP EIS

- Three Plan Alternatives
  - Neighborhood solution
  - Shared storage solution
  - Shared tunnel solution – add Ballard basin into tunnel solution option
- Early stakeholder outreach – conducted approximately 30 community briefings; comments received in variety of ways
- Public scoping meetings
  - In-person meetings
  - On-line meetings
  - Public notifications
  - Agency/Tribal coordination and outreach
- Comments categorized
  - Environmental elements
    - Recreation – Park use and access
    - Land use and transportation
    - Neighborhood impacts and equity
    - Air quality
    - Public services and utilities
    - Water
    - Climate change
  - Cumulative effects
  - Comments related to a specific CSO control approach
    - Natural drainage solutions
    - Storage
  - Comments related to a specific alternative
  - Comments common to all alternatives
  - Cost
  - Decision process and community involvement
  - Other/miscellaneous

- Next steps
  - Scoping comments will be used to shape the environmental analysis included in the Draft Programmatic EIS
    - Environmental elements
      - Recreation – park use and access
      - Land use and transportation
      - Neighborhood impacts and equity
      - Air quality
      - Public services and utilities
      - Surface water quantity and quality
      - Groundwater
      - Stormwater
      - Climate change
    - Cumulative effects
    - Specific CSO approaches: natural drainage solutions
    - Specific alternatives: neighborhood concerns
    - All alternatives: safety concerns
    - Decision process and community involvement
    - Other – describe potential impacts to socioeconomics, environmental justice, and all elements required by the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)
    - Verbal comments
    - Scoping document is available online at www.seattle.gov/CSO

**Around The Table** **All**

Members briefly discussed various events and things heard relating to various applicable environmental issues.

**Wrap-up** **All**

- Requested update on CSO – where are we – status report later in year
- Requested Bruce Bachen lead more discussion regarding LTCP Process – specifically relating to prioritizing
- **Next Meeting: March 14, 2012**

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.