



**CREEKS, DRAINAGE AND WASTEWATER
CUSTOMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING Summary
SMT 5965
November 9, 2011
5:00 – 7:00PM**

Administration:

- Members Present: Cheryl Klinker, Chair; Chris Hoffer, Douglas Mora, Brianne Cohen Zorn
- Participants by Phone: Rick Bechtel

- SPU Staff Present: Sheryl Shapiro, Linda Rogers, Maria Coe

- Visitors Present: Kendra Aguilar, Gardner Gleser, Noel Miller

Meeting called to order at 5:05PM

AGENDA TOPICS:

CDWAC Business

**Cheryl Klinker
Sheryl Shapiro**

CSO scoping for EIS – Sheryl/Cheryl reviewed participation in phone conference and live conference with members; CDWAC comments were consolidate and sent in to berry Meyer, SPU.

Introduction to Rate Study Development and Timeline: Rate Proposal 2012-2014 **Maria Coe**

- Rates information – rates study in 2013-14; look at how rates study is developed
 - Will 3-years work – NPDES, etc, federal requirements
 - What can we expect for community participation? (Discuss further with budget issues in December)
 - 2008 – stormwater/drainage costs allocated to fund; should be about 55% based on cost. By 2-14, shift will be done

Members' Sharing of Interests

All

- Create access to resources available; how can we share information with the community?
- Sustainable committees
 - Behavior change piece – be part of the solution
 - Engage with public
 - How need to meet NPDES requirements
- Role as educators; bridge SPU/Public
 - How do we put ourselves in position to share information, such as Watershed Forum
 - Scoping documents exactly the type of things we should be working on
 - Native lens view/perspective
 - Waterways of concern with native community
 - Creek advocacy
 - Stormwater codes, 5-year plan – conduit to community

- RainWise program – how it works and positive impacts to creeks and waterways
- Sustainable Seattle – rain gardens within Seattle
- Water management locally

CDWAC Roles and Goals

All

- Mixed perceptions of SPU staff of Committees
- Be challenged in what we do
- Community building
- Education as able to reach out
- Environmental group within the City – what is their message and awareness of what we are doing
- Listen critically and thoughtfully – bring advice
- Examples of influence:
 - Watershed use of herbicides
 - Street sweeping vs. street vacuum
 - Presenters coming in earlier in plan for feedback vs. ready-to-roll-out plan
 - Roll is to be advisory – not decision makers

2012 Work Plan

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Discussion was held and suggestions were presented for CDWAC's 2012 Work Plan. Ideas included:

- Briefings to build foundations for advisory role
- Finance information relating to rates
- Tribal consultation policies
- Race and Social Justice Initiative Cultural Competency/Equity Tool Kit
- NPDES for stormwater – new regulations coming out
- Legislative updates
- June – how rainy season was handled
 - Forecasting and response = now-casting, etc
- Problems SPU has identified/anticipates before becomes “issue”
 - Advance notice of “First negative report regarding xxx”
- SPU's public involvement – what it really looks like
- Big picture how talks with people – outreach
- Inclusive outreach and public engagement
- Review printed communications

Recruitment

Sheryl Shapiro

Still looking for more members in all three CACs; staggered terms for sustainability. Let Sheryl know of potential referrals, especially from other communities and persons of color.



DWW Division Directors' Updates

Bruce Bachen,

No Directors' updates at this meeting as Bruce was not present.

Wrap-up

All

- Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Patch newsletter – Shoreline bought out SPU facilities resulting in 14% reduction to the City; Seattle will provide water and utility service until 2020.
- World Water Week, Chief Sealth HS, March 19-23, 2012

Next meeting: December 14, 2011

Meeting adjourned at 7:10PM