

Meeting Notes



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

August 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 (CC) Gardner Gleser, Tasha Gray, Chris Hoffer, Cheryl Klinker, Noel Miller, Brianne Zorn  
**Absent:** None  
**Staff:** Bruce Bachen, Trish Rhay, Sheryl Shapiro, Jennifer Woods  
**Guests:** None

5:11 PM Call to Order

### 1. Regular Business (Chairs; All)

- a. Approve meeting notes – July 11th, 2012.
  - Approved with a correction on Page 2, Line 1 from pervious to impervious.
- b. Activities since last meeting:
  - Letter submitted to City Council Subcommittee (Libraries, Utilities and Seattle Center or LUC) on DWW Rate Proposal and BIPs. There was an opportunity for all members to respond even though time was a bit compressed. Overall the LUC Committee meeting went very well.
  - Field trip survey results include possible field trips to the Duwamish River through the Muckleshoot tribe, Native BRIDGE, Daybreak Star, Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition, USGS and the Northwest Indian College. We will keep the group updated about the field trip as we schedule it and find out more information.
    - **ACTION ITEM:** Members to send Jennifer the dates in September they are not available for a field trip.
  - Membership interview, Aug. 2 went very well. New member nominations will be sent to the Director for final approval and appointment.

### Monthly Topics:

#### 2. DWW Rates Proposal/BIPs (Chairs)

- The Committee Chairs for CDWAC and SWAC were brought to the table with the LUC, quite literally, to provide insight into each Committees comment letter. As stated earlier, the meeting went well.
- Members would like to be apprised of any changes or revisions to the current rates proposal with periodic updates given by staff.

#### 3. Director's Update (Bruce Bachen and Trish Rhay)

- The final version of the stormwater permit (MS4 permit) is out and the results were 1.) a one-year extension to the current permit and 2.) a new 5-year permit beginning in 2013. We are currently in the appeal period, which lasts 30 days after the permit is issued. The next steps

are resolving the differences and inconsistencies between the current municipal stormwater code and the new requirements. A new requirement is to review development and land use regulations and codes to remove barriers to LID (low impact development). The City is required to make these changes by mid -2015.

- Additionally, we are working on the Integrated Plan associated with the Consent Decree and staff will be coming to CDWAC with updates about the planning process. The City, EPA and DOJ will be going back to court with the Consent Decree to complete the process; the City Council has previously approved it. The EPA is currently negotiating the last parts of King County's Consent Decree and we hope Seattle's Consent Decree will be finalized by October. The City has requirements in the Consent Decree that start in December of this year.

#### **4. Subcommittee Formation (Chairs; All)**

- Committee members discussed the need for new subcommittees, such as education, outreach, membership/recruitment, Race and Social Justice, Green Stormwater Infrastructure, King Conservation District, Integrated plan, and cross-committee groups.
- **ACTION ITEM:** CC to send members a matrix where they can list their interests for future subcommittees or standing committees.
- There is currently a subcommittee opportunity with King Conservation District to help create criteria on evaluating and reviewing applications for grant proposals by November.
- Staff also went over the Inclusive Outreach Guide and other outreach tools available to members.

#### **5. Around the Table (Chairs; All)**

- The Committee members plan to continue the discussion about forming subcommittees once a list of interests for each member has been made. The interest matrix that CC is sending out will aid the Committee at the next meeting to discuss subcommittee formation.
- There was also an announcement made that volunteers are needed for two events at which RainWise program will be doing outreach for the rebate program. They are Delridge Days on August 18 and the Fall Planting Celebration on September 22.

### **Wrap Up**

#### **6. Review**

- Recommendations
- There is a possibility that the September regular meeting will be cancelled if we have a field trip scheduled in September. If we do not schedule a field trip in September, then we will have the next meeting on Wednesday, September 19, instead of the 12<sup>th</sup>. We will let members know about any field trip scheduling and the next meeting date as soon as possible.
- **ACTION ITEMS:**
  - i. Members to send Jennifer the dates in September they are not available for a field trip.
  - ii. CC to send members a matrix where they can list their interests for future subcommittees or standing committees.

#### **7. Preliminary agenda for next meeting**

#### **8. Possible future agenda items**

7:16 PM Meeting adjourned