



SPU Water System Advisory Committee (WSAC)

April 16, 2014 Meeting notes
Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 Fifth Avenue
Room 5965

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Chair: Kyle Stetler

Vice-Chair: Kelly McCaffrey

Present: Tom Grant, Kelly McCaffrey, Kyle Stetler, Chris Thompson

Staff: Julie Burman, Sheryl Shapiro, Linda Rogers

5:40 PM Call to Order

1. Regular Business

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approve meeting notes from March
- Member update – Eric Anderson has resigned from WSAC

Monthly Topics:

2. Revised Work Plan Discussion – Julie Burman, SPU (refer to Workplan handout)

- May – Special meeting with SWAC on May 7th regarding Tap Water campaign
- Customer Review Panel has a sub-committee to advise on water rate design. TBD on what is included in the Strategic Business Plan.
- Strategic Business Plan
 - CACs will be briefed; need to decide how we want this – email, in-person, emails?
 - We will slide questions into next meeting
 - Draft plan is being prepared; needs to be to the Mayor's Office by the end of June
 - Will be deciding what happens to the Customer Review panel after December
- Transmission and Distribution Plan
 - This will likely be on WSAC's May 21st agenda. For the April meeting, a draft copy of the Executive Summary was distributed via email, and more of the document was requested. Some of the dollars are being refined, so will wait until closer to the May 21st meeting to send the most current draft.
 - Also on May 21st will be Tap Water Campaign with Dave Hilmoe
- Water meters – what does smart meters mean in the water world?
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- June – Watermain Break Boil Water Advisory Resolution – Wylie Harper will discuss communication with customers in the event of an emergency.

3. Where is WSAC Going? – Kyle Stetler, WSAC Chair, Sheryl Shapiro

- What can WSAC do – roles to play – discussed
- Tap Water Campaign
- Long term issues such as climate change
 - Strategic Business Plan (SBP) – identify some things/opportunities all of SPU can get behind – retooling
 - Possibly possible policy issues shake out
 - What is the role of the CACs? – structure, oversight implementation of the SBP (currently in discussion)
 - Intent of SBP is to strategize rate path, and develop efficiencies

Other questions asked:

- Is this the beginning of big changes?
- Rate Committee – was there a trajectory of the direction of rates?
- Is the information on the external web page?
- Do we have some sense of the Panels’ Use rate design?
- What are the principal drivers in water side – where is water side going – focus on rate path or distribution system?
- Is the role of the Citizens Review Panel reactive or proactive?
- How can we get questions to the Citizens Review Panel?
 - Send email to Noel Miller, Chair
 - What is the correct timing for these?

Other items of discussion:

- May meeting – Dave Hilmoie – what does he think may be in the SBP?
- Chris will take a first draft of email to Customer Review Panel; offer suggestions to provide help on water detail information. Be sure to keep Sheryl Shapiro and Julie Burman in the loop.
- Tap Water Campaign –
 - Attached is the SPU Tap Water Plan from 2012 as Chris requested. The campaign was not implemented. This example is not intended to be what would necessarily be carried forward. WSAC members’ ideas and energy are needed if this is to proceed.
 - There is budget that could be used to fund a Tap Water Campaign in 2014 and 2015. A proposal in the range of \$30K for each year could be considered.
 - Long time interest
 - Partnership of SPU, SWAC, WSAC – joint development of business plan
 - Looked at other locations handling water, such as Minneapolis, etc.
 - What is the goal of the Tap Water Campaign?
 - What types of proposals have been made in the past?
 - What role would WSAC have and what support would come from staff?
 - Check in with Solid Waste group to see if interested and participate; attend 5/7 SWAC meeting and have discussion
 - What previous things have been done?

5. Wrap Up and Announcements

- Items cross-CAC matters – water and solid waste
- Cross CAC committees –
 - Summary of meetings

- Let Sheryl know if interested in renewing your membership (2)
- Committees – notify Sheryl within a week
- Sheryl will send out applications to those interested in serving a second term
- Kyle is attending a meeting of the American Water Resources Association, Washington Chapter on May 1st to network and recruit new WSAC members. Let Sheryl and Julie know if you have ideas for recruitment!

- Next meeting is May 21, 2014 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm

7:28 PM Meeting Adjourned