



Creeks, Drainage & Wastewater Advisory Committee (CDWAC)

February 26, 2019 Meeting Notes

Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 Fifth Avenue

Room 4901

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

CDWAC Members	Present?	SPU Staff & Guests	Role
Colum Lang	N	Natasha Walker	CAC Program Coordinator
Gary Olson	Y	Sheryl Shapiro	CAC Program Manager
Mariela White	N	Andrew Lee	Deputy Director, Drainage & Wastewater
Michael Williams	Y		
Maria McDaniel	Y		
Thy Pham	Y	Guests	
Andrew Schiffer	Y	None	
Isabel Carrera Zamanillo	Y		

1. Regular Business

- CDWAC Co-Chair, Thy Pham, opened the meeting at 5:34 PM.
- Meeting notes from December 2018 Joint CDWAC-WSAC Meeting were approved
- Sheryl Shapiro indicated emergency exits and exit procedures.

2. CAC Program Updates

- Upcoming meeting schedule
 - All-CAC Meeting likely on March 27. Part II of Risk & Resiliency, as well as exploring how Claims are processed through the City
- Membership update
 - Sheryl welcomed Isabel Carrera Zamanillo as a new CDWAC member.
 - Sheryl thanked Gary for accepting another year for his 2nd term
- WSAC changes
 - Kathy Curry has left role of WSAC LOB Liaison. She will be at March WSAC Meeting and will be transitioning Melissa Levo into serving in the role on an interim basis.
- 2019 Topics
 - Workplan will be ready by March CDWAC Meeting for review and approval before posting to the CAC webpage.
 - March Agenda: Susan Harper will likely be presenting on her analysis of DWW Outreach & Education programs.

3. Impromptu Networking

CDWAC members gathered in pairs for an impromptu networking exercise. They were asked during each round (two rounds) to “describe a time in your life when you felt connected with/in community.”

4. CDWAC Welcome & Hello

New Drainage & Wastewater Deputy Director, Andrew Lee, introduced himself to CDWAC members and provided a brief history of his personal and professional life. He shared about his experience moving into the public sector during the San Francisco floods and his experience working with the public on flooding issues. He also addressed his experience managing SPU's Combined Sewer Overflow Program from 2006-2014, including helping negotiate the Consent Decree, before transitioning to Deputy Director of Bellevue Utilities. Lee expressed his gratitude for CDWAC member volunteer involvement.

- **A CAC Member** asked if the Consent Decree changes if the Clean Water Act is eliminated. Lee explained that even if there is a policy shift in the current Federal Administration, those staff with whom SPU works at the Environmental Protection Agency have not indicated that there will be any changes to the way we interact with them. There is a movement towards more "integrated planning," out of the EPA, which provides more flexibility for agencies such as SPU when it comes to addressing stormwater issues. SPU is currently in our second round of Integrated Plans for the Drainage and Wastewater LOB and leading in that arena.
- **A CAC Member** asked if SPU is seeing a decrease in federal funding under the current administration. Lee responded that SPU relies on very little federal funding, including for Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). SPU is applying for a substantial loan through the EPA's Water Infrastructure Financing and Innovation Act (WIFIA), but there is no sense that the funding will be unavailable in the near future.

5. CDWAC Network Analysis/Community Asset Mapping

CDWAC Members were the first CAC to pilot an interactive exercise to map place-based connections in the community. Using the prompts from the asset mapping homework that was e-mailed in advance, Shapiro and Walker led CDWAC members through an exercise to collectively map their individual connections. The goal of this exercise was to:

- ✓ Discover patterns of geographic strength and gaps within the Committee;
- ✓ Identify where we might deepen relationships and build new ones among members and with communities; and
- ✓ Our discussions of the map may suggest where further assessment would be useful.

CAC Members began with a quiet opportunity to review and/or complete their homework. They then added the name of the place or type of connection (from each of 10 categories, maximum of two per category) to category color-coded post-it notes. Members were asked to consider which two categories resonated most for them/where they felt most connected. They discussed these with a partner before mapping their two post-its per category on large individual section maps of the City (roughly SE, SW, NE, NW, Downtown areas).

Once asset locations were placed, the five maps were pushed together to create one large map of the City, and members found new partners to participate in a “partner gallery walk”, noting their observations.

Afterwards, a large group discussion ensued. The following observations of the maps were noted:

- Most work connections are on the eastern side of I-5, and are very spread out
- Art connections are very concentrated in the Ship Canal and Downtown
- Volunteering connections tend to be to the South
- Residences are fairly distributed throughout the city
- No faith-based connections in West Seattle
- No connections in Magnolia
- No connections in Queen Anne
- Tend to do activities around where we live and work. Avoiding long commutes?
- Downtown is a limited number of colors: volunteer, arts, and healthcare
- There is an average of four quadrants touched by each member.
- Members felt the categories covered the places they visit but wondered how these connections might relate to their involvement on the CACs (ex: grocery store).
- The “building community” segment may overlap with volunteering (for one member, this illuminated that they don’t volunteer with a cause unless it’s about building community)
- Many members didn’t map SPU as one of their volunteer experiences
- Missing categories:
 - How to represent pet owners (as it relates to dog poop cleanup)
 - Pubs / Breweries
 - Family Connections
 - Need space for more regional organizations / places (Side bar to the maps – Seattle, King County, State, etc.)
- A discussion ensued around the relevance of electronic communities for this exercise.
 - Two members explained that they didn’t feel the data fit, because the internet communities they participate in are not place-based.
 - Another member added that it “does not feel like a distinct piece of data,” but rather a strategy/tactic.
 - Others disagreed, feeling that most online networks they participated in were very neighborhood-centric.

5. Community Insights, Around the Table

The Committee ran out of time for this agenda item.

Adjourned 7:31 PM