

Administration:

Laura Firth Markley, Chair

- Members Present: Helen Ross Pitts, Ron Rochon, Laura Firth Markley, Marilyn Busco, Priscilla Call, Alice Lanczos, Frank Methany, Eric Anderson
- SPU Staff Present: Julie Burman, Sue Morrison, Sherry Crawford, Regina Carpenter, and Joan Kersnar
- Review of October Meeting Summary – Approved as written.

Agenda Topics:

SPU Finance Update

Sherry Crawford

- Regina Carpenter distributed a summary of City Council adopted Water Rates for 2009-2011.
- Of particular note for the Council adopted Water Fund budget is that the Revenue Stabilization Fund will be maintained at \$9 million. Also the upgrade of Morse Lake Pump plant will proceed, due in part to the availability of low-interest loans and the resulting low rate impact.
- For SPU's 2009 budget, the Water Fund will return to Council at the end of March to discuss resource shifts if necessary based on revenue.
- WSAC members encouraged SPU to broadly communicate the new rates to customers via the web as well as other methods.
- Sherry also announced today's successful bond sale and an upgrade of SPU's Water Bond Rating. One suggestion was to include the following message in SPU's 2009 Drinking Water Quality Report – "the bond rating went up and the corresponding rate impact is lower, due to sound financial policies".
- Sherry and members discussed the impact of the Hydrant Law Suit along with notification requirements and upcoming customer rebates.
- Sherry thanked WSAC for their review of the rate policy issues and support for the Mayor's proposal to Council. She asked for suggestions on the process to involve citizens in the next rate proposal.

WSAC Draft 2009 Workplan

Julie Burman

- The draft Workplan was distributed for discussion.
- Julie noted that, based on WSAC member and SPU leadership input, the focus in 2009 will be on issues where SPU has direct contact with customers and seeks feedback and perspective on level of customer concern and communication strategies.
- All three advisory committee workplans will be reviewed by Chuck Clarke in December.

Wrap Up

Laura Firth-Markley

- The draft Tolt Watershed Management Plan will be available on SPU web-site the last week in November. Laura will compile WSAC comments and WSAC will discuss at December meeting.
- December WSAC agenda will include Tolt Watershed Management Plan and the City's Race and Social Justice Initiative as well as SPU's Environmental Justice and Service Equity Division. Specific focus will be on service equity research.