

Administration:

Rachel Cardone, Chair

- Members Present: Valerie Cholvin, Frank Metheny, Alice Lanczos, Eric Anderson, Helen Pitts, Dave Magorty, Priscilla Call, Rachel Cardone
- SPU Staff Present: Dave Hilmoe, Julie Burman, Sue Morrison, Cornell Amaya
- Review of February Meeting Summary – Approved as written

Agenda Topics:

WSAC Discussions: Purpose/ Goal/Mission of WSAC

Rachel Cardone

- Rachel opened up discussion regarding the purpose of the WSAC by stating that some think a WSAC “identity crisis” exists. Member input was solicited.
- Helen Ross-Pitts suggested that perhaps the once a month “silo” isn’t necessarily the right schedule for the WSAC.
- Eric Anderson felt it would be good to define a purpose/mission and then measure the results
- Rachel raised the question: Is there a strategic goal or common purpose that allows us to frame what we do as citizens?
- Frank Metheny would like to have a mission statement on the wall to remind and keep the committee on task. Priscilla Call wrote the existing mission statement from the SPU CAC charter on the white board.
- Dave Magorty suggested that on SPU’s website feedback from the community be solicited such as “What are your concerns related to drinking water quality?”
- Helen Ross-Pitts asked if the group had a good handle on the needs of the community.
- Rachel also asked the questions: “Who are the stakeholders? What would diversity mean? Are we / should we be informed delegates out in the community? Are there groups / people that should be represented that currently are not?”
- Rachel recapped the discussion by stating that there are competing ideas for what the group should be: Focus Group, Advisory Group, Citizens Group for purpose of learning.
- Membership was discussed. Helen and Alice will get information from Julie and will serve as a subcommittee on recruitment before the next meeting. Rachel proposed that the rules around membership be tabled until some of the committee structural issues are resolved. Alice and Helen will present ideas around membership for the committee.

- Rachel is interested in identifying issues of concerned citizens. Using these concerns could form a WSAC work plan. She will synthesize and bring back to the committee.

Drinking Water Quality Report

**Cornell Amaya,
SPU Communications**

- Cornell will be sending out a digital version which will include changes from feedback he received at the March review meeting.
- It was decided to stay with color. Text boxes looked better.
- Pictures of people enjoying the water will be included.
- There will be breakouts regarding “why do I care” (e.g. Fluoride).
- A small section on history will be added (great Seattle Fire).
- The overall size of the report has been reduced to 8 panels.
- There will be a section that invites people to go to a website and take a survey. Julie suggested that the WSAC would be a good group to run the survey by and receive input.
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Consumer Confidence; Algal Blooms

**Dave Hilmoe,
Director – Drinking Water Division**

- SPU has exceptional treatment on both supplies, as well as exceptional monitoring.
- Key objectives are Public Health, Regulatory Compliance, Customer Confidence.
- FYI, go to UTUBE and google “The truth about bottled water”. A fun video focused around bottled water usage.
- We are unique in SPU because we produce a product.
- Source and source treatment: Material in the pipe can show up in the water. A lot of what we see out of the tap is due to “on property” issues.
- Alga has always been in Lake Youngs. Dominant algae species since 1990 have been called “filter clogging”. There have been some changes in the last 5-6 years with 3 different species.
- SPU has aesthetic and maintenance issues only. SPU receives between 7 and 20 calls per year during the algae bloom. Peak alga is usually spring – early summer.
- Background reading about our water: Mary McWilliams – written in 1950’s: *Seattle Water Department History, 1854-1954*
- Dave also has history by month, by type of call that could be provided to the group. History goes back at least 25 years.
- The members felt it would be interesting to see the neighborhoods they live in and which supply they are receiving water from.

WSAC Administrative Business**Rachel Cardone / Julie Burman**

- Helen and Alice will work to identify issues around membership and recruitment for discussion with the Committee in future meetings.
- Rachel will be setting up ½ hour phone meetings with committee members to further discuss and solicit ideas regarding purpose/goal/mission of WSAC.
- Sue will work on a map showing geographic distribution to members.

Wrap Up**Rachel Cardone**

- Next meeting Wednesday, May 20th.