

Administration:

- Members Present: Valerie Cholvin, Frank Metheny, Ron Rochon, Alice Lanczos, Tom Grant, Laura Firth Markley, Eric Anderson
- SPU Staff Present: Julie Burman, Corinne Brown, Cassandra Harvey, Sue Morrison
- Review of March meeting notes. Accepted as written.

AGENDA TOPICS:**Debrief of meeting with Councilmember O'Brien****Alice Lanczos**

At the meeting with Councilmember O'Brien Helen Pitts gave a well-organized and professional presentation regarding the potential use of Imazapyr in the Cedar River Watershed. Alice Lanczos provided an overview of the WSAC and invited Councilmember O'Brien to use the committee for help or information. Councilmember O'Brien and Nancy Ahern were very interested in the information that WSAC shared.

Alice asked for volunteers to take the lead on writing a letter in support of amending the Council Ordinance to allow the use of Imazapyr to Councilmember O'Brien and the Mayor. Laura Firth Markley and Frank Metheny offered to assume the task in consultation with Helen.

Drinking Water Quality Report Update**Julie Burman**

Jason Argo and Cornell Amaya were unavailable for the meeting but passed along information to Julie to be shared with the committee. Two sample drinking water quality report versions were provided (subtle and a bold colored versions). Input from the committee was gathered. The general consensus was from the standpoint of readability, the bold version was preferable. WSAC discussed various photos, the water quality table, and various headlines. Julie will relay the specifics of the discussion to Jason following the meeting.

SPU Water Supply Update**Julie Burman**

Julie provided the monthly water supply update with the four graphs SPU and WSAC uses for tracking precipitation, snowpack, reservoir levels, and customer demand. Due to the recent snow fall and rain, the reservoir levels are almost full. Concern about a water shortage is diminishing.

Julie also noted that as in past years, there is an algal bloom in Lake Youngs. She reminded WSAC that this is not a water quality concern but can cause operational problems. For the most part, SPU is by-passing Lake Youngs to avoid the algae.

Corinne began by explaining that she first met with the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) to gather input about revisions to the Solid Waste web page. The web team recruits external customers to perform testing and gather feedback regarding SPU website changes. Another round of testing will occur before a planned June rollout. Recently, feedback was gathered from CDWAC and Corinne is hoping WSAC will be able to provide additional feedback to improve SPU's website.

Photos are very well received. Regarding the WSAC web page, it was agreed that term information should be located on the same page as the commitment information. Contact information should be added. The committee may want to consider adding application forms at some point for recruitment purposes. Regarding the Water section of the out-web website, external customers feel there is a need for an Environmental & Conservation tab. The committee suggested it would be interesting to have the cost of a glass of water on the Water web page. It was also felt that the connection between the SPU site and savingwater.org isn't clear. Contact information, street address and parking information should be up front and easy to locate. WSAC members like the DPD website, and indicated that SPU's site is not friendly from a commercial point of view. Corinne would like to use WSAC volunteers to perform a pre-test of before the external customers testing begins. Members suggested that an informational tool be added to show where a customer lives based on address, and how the water comes to that location (Tolt or Cedar). There was also interest expressed in being able to view water consumption over past years, and how a customer's water consumption compares to previous years and average SPU customer consumption. Members also asked that SPU employee contact information be added to the website. It was suggested that adding a slide show at a very high level to catch attention of customers would be helpful. A slide show could be used to tell the story of water.

Wrap-up

- Revised letters to Councilmember O'Brien and the Mayor will be developed. Laura or Frank will contact Helen to solicit her input.
- Sue will setup a phone conference between Helen, Frank, Laura and Julie.
- Julie will discuss WSAC's feedback on the draft Drinking Water Quality Report.
- Discussion on future meeting topics was held along with a suggestion to consider developing a set of core competencies for WSAC members. Future meeting subjects discussed, (as listed in the 2010 WSAC work plan), include water rights & water law, reclaimed water, the water system plan, transportation impacts, new sockeye hatchery, seismic plan, Ballard clean and line video pilot project video. A new concept emerged related to the idea of key information about SPU and the water system that each WSAC member should strive to know – kind of like “core competencies”.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10PM.