

## **Genesee CSO Reduction Projects – Public Meeting Notes 1/20/2011**

**Meeting location:** Lakewood/Seward Park Community Club

**Duration:** 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Presenter:** Trish Ray

**City Attendees:** Kathy Robertson, Michael Eagan, Martin O'Donnell, Jeff Smith, Terry Dunning (Parks)

**Other:** Bob Wheeler, Triangle Associates, facilitator

**Public Attendees:** ~ 18 people \*

### **Agreements made at meeting:**

1. SPU will post meeting summary notes online
2. SPU will post presentation online
3. SPU will send updates via email listserv
4. SPU will notify residents who are on the listserv email list of the date/location of Public Hearing to City Council (Summer 2011)
5. SPU will inform the community of future community outreach and opportunities for input during the next phase (i.e., design) via the listserv and mailings.

### **Presentation and Discussion**

The meeting began with self-introductions of City (Seattle Public Utilities and Parks Department) staff and members of the public. A PowerPoint presentation was then made by Trish Ray that focused on the City staff preferred CSO alternatives for both Genesee Basins 43 and 40/41. Trish pointed out that the input from the last public meeting for Basin 43 requested SPU look at a tank location in the parking lot at 53<sup>rd</sup> Ave S. and Lake Washington Boulevard. This public input was instrumental and that location is now the *preferred* alternative for City staff.

Trish then discussed what specifically would be needed for the storage facilities in both Basins 43 and 40/41 and showed mock-up pictures of how these facilities might appear. The presentation included the preliminary project schedule, next steps, public outreach activities during the planning phase, and public outreach activities anticipated for the design and construction phases. Trish emphasized that SPU and Seattle Parks would continue to actively engage the public during these next phases of the project.

Meeting participants expressed very strong, enthusiastic support for the preferred alternative for Basin 43 and thanked staff for their willingness to reconsider the alternatives in that basin and in choosing their suggested alternative. Additionally, the public continued support for the preferred alternative in Basin 40/41.

The public had a few clarifying questions and provided the following input for consideration during the design and construction phases:

- One question related to how Seattle Parks might consider these alternatives, which are both located in City parks. Trish and Terry both responded that Initiative 42 does not encourage utility facilities in parks. While undesirable, if a facility is going to be

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authorized, it is better for it to happen in a park parking lot than on park land itself. It was stated that City Council makes the final decision if such facilities can be located on park property.

- One person asked if there was some ability to redesign the park. Terry responded that Parks is charged with maintaining the Olmstead vision for Lake Washington Boulevard and that the Parks Department might consider its own design and review process for restoration efforts.
- Lake Washington Boulevard impacts during construction should be evaluated, considered, and minimized to the extent possible.
- Impacts on activities that occur in that park, such as swimming, should be evaluated, considered, and minimized.
- One person requested access to the hydrogeologic investigations, to which Kathy indicated the preliminary geotechnical study is already online and future studies would also be available online.
- One person's concern was about the impact of having two construction projects in the Genesee Basin at the same time. Staff pointed out that the construction schedule for Basins 43 and 40/41 are offset, so that one project will be closing down as the other one is starting up as it is planned now.

Community members asked if they should attend the City Council meeting to support the preferred alternatives. Staff indicated that public hearings are the community's opportunity to provide input, and that they would use the listserv to inform the public of when the hearing would be held.

The meeting ended with a thank you to all of the participants.

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\* Five additional community members arrived after the meeting concluded and were given printed copies of the PowerPoint presentation and the opportunity to sign up for email updates and notifications.