



ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNICAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2018
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM
280 MADISON AVENUE NORTH
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WA 98110

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / ACCEPT OR MODIFY AGENDA / CONFLICT OF
INTEREST
DISCLOSURE
3:00 PM

MEMBERS:	JASON FLOWERS	JUAN ROVALO
	DYLAN FRAZER	STEVE SAEPOFF
	MELANIE KENNAN	CASEY SCHMIDT
	CHARLIE KRATZER	KARL SHEARER

COUNCIL LIAISON: RASHAM NASSAR

COBI STAFF: ROBBIE SEPLER, DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 20, 2018 (5 MIN)

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT – RASHAM NASSAR (5 MIN)

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT (OPMA) AND PUBLIC RECORDS ACT (PRA) –
ROBBIE SEPLER, DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY (30 MIN)

ETAC MEMBERSHIP STATUS OF STEVE SAEPOFF – ALL (10 MIN)

STATUS OF GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN – ALL (60 MIN)

PUBLIC COMMENT (10 MIN)

ADJOURNMENT
5:00 PM

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 pm.

- A new chair was elected. All present voted in favor of appointing Charlie Kratzer chair of ETAC for a term of one year.
- It is the understanding of the committee that no final vote was taken on the “finalized” Groundwater Management Plan (GWMP) in an open public meeting. Therefore, the report will not be sent to the council until further revisions are made (as discussed in the June 21, 2018 ETAC meeting) and a final vote about sending the GWMP to the council will occur at a future ETAC meeting.
- In the council liaison report, Rasham Nassar discussed the state of the moratorium and indicated the council’s strong interest in the GWMP. Funding for the GWMP was discussed.
- Joe Levan (COBI attorney) talked in detail about OPMA and conflict of interest. A training on OPMA will be scheduled in the near future.
- The committee discussed specific work protocols for collaborating on documents that is consistent with the OPMA.
- Olivia Sontag (COBI Planner) discussed the Robins habitat management plan and her desire for ETAC to review the novel methodology within the shared document.
- The GWMP discussion was moved to the next meeting.
- There was a discussion by the committee to clearly indicate the work of outside advisors, and to provide background on said advisors when they contribute to the work of ETAC.
- The possibility of creating webpages for ETAC members was discussed to inform the public of our expertise.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Charlie Kratzer, Chair

10/18/18



CITY OF
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

GROUNDWATER IS THE SOLE SOURCE OF DRINKING WATER ON BAINBRIDGE ISLAND. THE INCREASED DEMANDS FOR GROUNDWATER RESULTING FROM POPULATION GROWTH AND THE ANTICIPATED EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE HAVE CREATED CONCERN ABOUT THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE ISLAND'S AQUIFERS AS WELL AS THE POTENTIAL FOR SALTWATER INTRUSION. ETAC WAS ASKED BY THE CITY COUNCIL TO ANALYZE THE POSSIBLE NEED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (GWMP). IN ADDITION, THE CITY COUNCIL REQUESTED ETAC TO RECOMMEND A SCOPE AND LEVEL-OF-EFFORT (E.G., BUDGET, STAFFING NEEDS) FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH A GWMP. TO COMPLETE OUR ASSESSMENT ETAC REVIEWED THE AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON THE AQUIFERS, AQUIFER MODELING EFFORTS, WELL HYDROGRAPHS, AND GROUNDWATER QUALITY INFORMATION. ETAC HAS SUMMARIZED THAT INFORMATION IN THEIR REPORT.

- ETAC HAS WORKED ON THIS REPORT FOR ABOUT A YEAR. MOST OF THE REPORT HAS BEEN AGREED UPON BY ETAC MEMBERS, EXCEPT FOR PARTS OF APPENDIX B "AQUIFER WATER BALANCE AND BUDGET ISSUES" AND APPENDIX C "WATER LEVEL MEASUREMENTS FOR SOME BI WELLS". SOME OF THE PREVIOUSLY AGREED-UPON CHANGES IN THESE APPENDICES WERE NOT MADE.
- THE CITY COUNCIL IS CURRENTLY IN BUDGETARY DISCUSSIONS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GWMP SHOULD BE PRESENTED TO THEM DURING THIS PROCESS. ETAC STILL NEEDS TO ADD SOME INFORMATION TO THE REPORT ON THE SCOPE AND LEVEL-OF-EFFORT REQUIRED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GWMP. THE VASHON ISLAND GWMP IS PROBABLY THE MOST APPLICABLE TO COBI. THEIR ESTIMATES WERE A TOTAL OF ABOUT \$500,000 FOR DEVELOPING THE GWMP AND \$200,000 PER YEAR FOR THE ONGOING GROUNDWATER MONITORING PROGRAM.
- ETAC NEEDS TO REACH CONSENSUS ON LANGUAGE FOR APPENDICES B AND C AT THIS MEETING. IF SOME AGREEMENT CAN ALSO BE REACHED ON SCOPE AND LEVEL-OF-EFFORT THAT WOULD BE GREAT. IF NOT, WE SHOULD AT LEAST SCHEDULE A SPECIAL MEETING FOR EARLY NOVEMBER TO VOTE ON THE REPORT WITH OR WITHOUT THE SCOPE AND LEVEL-OF-EFFORT. THUS, WE CAN SEND THE VOTED-ON REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL AND CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS ON THE SCOPE AND LEVEL-OF-EFFORT, IF NECESSARY.