



CITY OF
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNICAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2018
3:00 PM – 5:30 PM
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM
280 MADISON AVENUE NORTH
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WA 98110

MINUTES

Call to Order at 3:10 PM

Member Attendees:

Karl Shearer, Casey Schmidt, Charlie Kratzer, Melanie Keenan, Juan Rovalo (by phone)

COBI Staff: None

Council Liaison: Rasham Nassar

- The minutes from the 11/15/18 regular meeting and the 11/19/18 special meeting were approved.
- **Council Liaison Report:** There was an update on Council actions on the Groundwater Management Plan (GWMP) and the Water Resources Program. The Council provided the OK for ETAC to develop a GW Fact Sheet, with input from KPUD. In addition to the \$300K approved for the GWMP, the Council also approved \$100K for a study of methods to improve stormwater quality, and \$100K for a study of upgrading the COBI wastewater treatment plant to tertiary treatment to address emerging contaminants of concern.
- **Ethics Training:** Scott Wilder, chair of the Ethics Board, provided the standard ethics training to the ETAC members present.
- **Chair Report:** The chair discussed his activities since the last meeting. The chair sent a letter from ETAC in support of the GWMP and re-instatement of the COBI Water Resources Specialist position as approved at the 11/18/18 special ETAC meeting. In addition, the chair sent an email to KPUD, thanking Debbie Lester for her comments to Council in which she offered KPUD assistance with the GWMP.
- Melanie Keenan went over a PowerPoint that was presented to the Island Center Subarea Planning Group by Mike Michael, COBI staff.
- **GWMP update:** The process of developing the GWMP with the \$300K provided for FY2019-20 was discussed. The \$300K approved by Council was for a two-year, full-time hydrogeologist position. Some funds should be made available for contracting out with Aspect or USGS for modeling runs. A community kickoff event and quarterly updates to the Council were also considered to be good ideas. It was agreed that it would be a good idea to coordinate with the UAC on the GWMP process as well as on the two other studies – stormwater quality and wastewater treatment plant upgrade.

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- **ETAC Workplan for 2019:** The chair will present a workplan to the Council in January or February. It was decided that the following items should be on ETAC's schedule for 2019:
 - **GW Fact Sheet** – drafting a plan with help from KPUD and USGS, getting approved by Council, putting on COBI website.
 - **COBI staff liaison** – ETAC needs a replacement for Christy Carr, preferably a staff with expertise in environmental issues.
 - **GWMP process** – help COBI in some way with the two-year hydrogeologist position and contracting out for modeling expertise; coordinate a community kickoff event with Kristen Drew (COBI communications specialist); provide quarterly updates on progress.
 - **Reviewing HMPs** – coordinate with new COBI natural resources specialist to provide outside review through the ETAC sub-committee on HMP reviews (Casey, Juan, Karl, and Steve).
 - **Reviewing Suzuki plans** – provide reviews of Suzuki development plans as requested by Council.
- Available to* *if requested by Council*
- Meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM.



Charlie Kratzer, Chair 01/16/19