

City of Bainbridge Island
Utility Advisory Committee

May 14, 2015 UAC meeting.

Present: Andy Maron, Jeff Kanter, Nancy Nolan, Steve Johnson, Emily Sato

Also present: Public Works Director Barry Loveless, Councilmember Val Tollefson; Lee Cross (BIMPRD), Dan Hamlin (arr. 5:30) (BIMPRD); Steve Leach, Randall Samstag and Robert Dashiell (arr. 5:30)

1. Notes from April 27 meeting approved as amended.
2. Randall Samstag introduced himself and his interest in and history with the UAC.
3. Lisa Marshall, City Attorney, spoke about the scope of legally acceptable expenditures from the SSWM fund. Specifically, she was of the opinion that it is proper to fund the Kitsap Conservation District ILA and the Water Quality Management program out of this fund.
4. Barry briefly discussed the policy decisions necessary around the question of what gets charged to the SSWM fund versus the Street fund. He suggested that one way to help control the SSWM CIP is to build storm water projects, where appropriate, into grant-funded capital improvement projects, with the resulting infrastructure then becoming "contributed capital" to the SSWM utility.
5. The Committee then addressed the specific question of the +/- \$400k discrepancy between SSWM revenue and projected expenses in the coming years, and the lack of historic and projected funding for capital projects. Barry pointed out that the expense numbers the Committee was working from have already been reduced significantly in his latest draft financial plan, based on increased efficiencies in the street sweeping program, for one thing. Andy suggested a further saving by allocating the WQM program ½ each to SSWM and the General fund.
6. The plan for the next meeting is to address the rate structure. Getting a rate structure recommended by the UAC and tentatively approved by Council by June would allow public works to then calculate the number of ERUs that structure will produce, which will then allow UAC and the Council to address needed changes in rates in time for them to be put into effect next calendar year.
7. Barry then briefed the committee on his recommendations for revisions in the rate structure.

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Andy Maron, Chair