

May 21, 2015 Utility Advisory Committee Notes

Attendees:

All member of the UAC were present

Sarah Blossom was substituting for Val Tollefson

Barry Loveless, PW Director

Member of the public: Robert Dashiell, Randall Samstag, Brian Stahl (Kitsap Conservation District), Janet Grunbok, Patty Dusbabek, Dan Hamlin (Parks), Ken DeWitt (Parks), Steven Leach, Helmut Sassenfeld

Public Comment items:

1. SSWM rate structure and fees assessed on land used for farming/equestrian activities/animal husbandry
2. Parks – gravel should not be considered impervious, question about private roads serving 1 parcel, trails should be exempt
3. Disagreement with conclusions regarding SSWM fees from City Attorney at the last meeting. MS-4 does not include streams unless they have a stormwater outfall greater than 24" diameter (?). Flow monitoring is not necessary, is not used and should not be charged to SSWM.
4. SSWM not just MS-4. Streams are included by ordinance. SSWM utility needs a utility business advisor.
5. Brian Stahl handed out a "white paper" written by Kurt Jones

May 4, 2015 meeting notes accepted.

Draft sewer plan

1. South Island sewer connections estimate revisited and new information regarding the swimming pool may cause further revisions.
2. Will place on next agenda.

SSWM capital utilities

1. Feeling by at least one member that the UAC is being pushed hard to change the revenue stream and concern that the push is being driven by projects that are on the table but are not really ready to go. Question about what is really driving the push for new revenue.
2. Comment that if SSWM is not fully funded then they City may need to bond in the future.
3. Comment that UAC needs to look at revenue after looking at how fees are applied.
4. PW Director – the \$237k and \$341k projects are budget balanced and can be done but after that only policy reserves will remain. No capital program after 2016 if nothing changes.
5. Question about the possibility of connection fees. Per PW Director they must be based on a capital program and not many capital programs are growth related.

SSWM rate structure

1. 1 type of impervious surface (includes gravel). Discussion about whether gravel should be included and if it is should it be charged the full rate or continue to receive a discount.
 - A. UAC – keep gravel at 50%
 - B. Discussion about differentiating between gravel used for vehicles vs gravel used for paths, animal paddocks, etc.
 - C. UAC – 2 types – impervious 100%, gravel for vehicle use 50%
2. Discounts and rate reductions

- A. Qualifying features that exceed requirement –how do you measure the benefit and calculate the discount
- B. Low intensity site for non-residential sites with less than 15% impervious surface on parcel – no consensus reached, comment that you are already paying less for not having as much impervious surface.
- C. How to charge farms combined w/ SFR
 - i. Business license only?
 - ii. What about SFR with sports courts/shops/greenhouses/etc?
- D. 2 issues to discuss further
 - i. Discounts for low intensity
 - 1. Can the City allow this for parks, schools and/or churches but not others (Barry will check with City Attorney)
 - 2. How to define farms

Next meeting May 28th at 5:30 PM.



Andy Maron, Chair