

July 13, 2015 UAC meeting notes

Present: Andy Maron, Jeff Kanter, Steve Johnson, Nancy Nolan, Jim Thrash, Steve Leach

Also present: Public Works Director Barry Loveless, Planning and Community Development Director Kathy Cook (present only during discussion of Comprehensive Plan issues); Councilmember Val Tollefson; Councilmember Sarah Blossom; Robert Dashiell. Also present for most of the meeting was an unidentified male.

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM.

1. Opening Public Comment: Robert Dashiell repeated his view that the SSWM Utility on Bainbridge Island operates beyond its legally supportable role.
2. Kathy Cook outlined UAC opportunities for contributing to the Water Resources and Utilities elements of the Comprehensive Plan update
3. The members of the Committee introduced themselves, and welcomed new members Steve Leach and Jim Thrash. Andy Maron suggested that the Committee should elect a new Chair and Vice Chair at its first meeting in August, and should discuss whether it should make any changes to its meeting schedule at that time.
4. The Committee discussed the recent announcement by Kitsap PUD that it was acquiring the South Bainbridge and Island Utility water systems, and also the decision by the City Council to authorize the City Manager to seek Satellite System Management authority from the State
5. The Committee spent the rest of the meeting discussing its work on the SSWM Utility. He hopes to be able to provide info on the revised ERU calculation under the proposed revised rate structure by September.

The remainder of the discussion revolved around the related questions of whether to propose a rate that would support increased capital spending, how much capital spending is necessary and appropriate, whether the CIP discussion in the current draft report includes projects that might not really be necessary, and what to do about discretionary programs currently being funded by SSWM.

The Committee agree to continue this discussion at its next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM. Next meeting is on July 27.

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Andy Maron, Chair