

July 27, 2015 UAC meeting

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

Also present: Public Works Director Barry Loveless, Engineering Specialist (Water Resources) Cami Apfelbeck, Councilmember Val Tollefson, Jackie Taylor (Puget Sound Energy Community Engagement Specialist)

1. Meeting minutes for June 22 and July 13 meetings were accepted as amended.
2. Cami Apfelbeck discussed the ^{Flow Monitoring} Water Quality Management Program. She provided several documents which outline the Program benefits and their relation to the SSWM Utility. This information is available on the City website at <http://www.bainbridgewa.gov/516/Water-Quality-and-Flow-Monitoring-Progra>. She illustrated some areas where requirements of the City's NPDES Permit are completely satisfied by this Program, and other areas where the Program contributes to the Permit requirements. @m
3. The Committee discussed the presentation. While there was consensus that the WQMP was worthwhile, the Committee generally was of the opinion that the cost of the program should not be borne wholly by the SSWM Utility.
4. The Committee discussed other utility operating expense issues. In addition to reinforcing its recommendation that the Utility Tax should be eliminated, the Committee felt that the cost of the Kitsap Conservation District ILA should be carried more by the General Fund. Savings from operating expense savings should be used to bolster capital investment, not to reduce rates. Andy Maron will summarize the Committee's thinking for consideration at the next meeting.
5. The remainder of the discussion focused on Committee input to the Comprehensive Plan. Preliminary comment focused on the curious fact that the water, sewer, and storm water utilities are not dealt with in the Utilities Element, on the poor organization and excess content in the Water Resources Element, and on the general subject of City policy concerning ownership of and control over all public utilities on Bainbridge.
6. The Committee decided that additional meeting were needed in August to accomplish the work, and set meetings for August 3 and August 17, both meetings to be scheduled from 4:30-6:30pm. These are in addition to the regularly scheduled meeting for August 10. The meeting of August 24 is cancelled.

Next meeting is on Monday August 3 at 4:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.



Andy Maron, Chair