

August 10, 2015 UAC meeting.

Present: Andy Maron, Steve Johnson, Jim Thrash, Steve Leach, Emily Sato

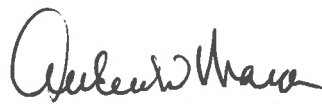
Also present: Public Works Director Barry Loveless, Councilmember Val Tollefson, Jackie Taylor (Puget Sound Energy Community Engagement Specialist), Robert Dashiell, Dan Hamlin (BIMPRD), Jennifer and Craig Dolezal

Meeting began at 5:30 p.m.

1. Public Comment: Jennifer Dolezal spoke regarding neighborhood concerns about water. They live on Hansen Rd. near the Greenway property. Have heard that Greenway is working with a developer who has been investigating the availability of water for a potential 30+ home development, including obtaining water from the City's nearby Fletcher Bay water system. They wanted to know what options were available to the developer. Barry Loveless explained the status of the current update of the Water Plan regarding possible extensions of the City's water system, and other possible options for a developer. Dolezals were advised that UAC was not ordinarily in the loop with regard to such development issues.
2. Public Comment: Robert Dashiell directed the Committee's attention to an Atty General Opinion he has recently sent to the Committee, and questioned whether equipment depreciation expense was properly accounted for in SSWM accounting.
3. The Committee continued its discussion of what recommendations to make regarding whether and how street sweeping expenses should be charged to SSWM or street fund, and what recommendation to make regarding the Water Quality Monitoring program. Opinions were divided. Andy will circulate a revised draft memo to the members, and this issue will be discussed again at the next meeting.
4. The Committee then discussed its possible input to the Utilities and Water Resources Elements of the Comp Plan. Steve Johnson had circulated an email outlining various possible policy approaches the City might take to utilities management. The Committee discussed the implications of various levels of involvement for various utility services. Andy Maron suggested that in each case, a decision as to proper policy should depend on practicality, economics, and the benefits of local control. Some time was spent learning about the current water utility ownership on the Island, and the Committee discussed various ways that the City might involve itself in utilities not owned by the City, ranging from cooperative interest to acquisition. Andy explained the legal framework within which water utilities operate in Washington.
5. The Committee will elect a new chair at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Next meeting is on August 17 at 4:30 p.m.

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ANDREW W. MARON Chair