

City of Bainbridge Island
Utility Advisory Committee

Regular Meeting January 11, 2023 Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Ted Jones at 5:30 p.m.

Members Present/Absent.

Present – Charles Averill, Ted Jones, Andy Maron, Martin Pastucha (at 5:40)

Absent – Svend Brandt-Ericksen, Sheina Hughes, Susan Hume

Also Present: Chris Wierzbicki – COBI Public Works Director
Paul Nyland – COBI Engineering Manager
Stella Collier – Stormwater Management Program Coordinator

#2 Overview of Stormwater System Plan

Paul Nyland and Stellar Collier gave a one hour briefing about the background and status of COBI's in-process Stormwater Management Plan (SMP). They summarized the background of COBI's involvement with stormwater management, advised about the hiring of Herrera Environmental Consultants to assist with the preparation of the SMP, explained the 6 objectives of the SMP, discussed the 10 tasks that make up the scope of the SMP, and provided examples of the documentation prepared so far.

The timing is for the draft SMP to be completed within a few months, and then to bring it to UAC for review and comment.

#3 Public Works Update

Chris W. listed the major projects for the water, wastewater, and stormwater utilities this year, and suggested that the UAC would likely be asked to be consulted about the following:

Water System

- a) Rate study
- b) Winslow water tank and fire flow improvements

- c) Ferncliff line extension
- d) Coordination with Winslow Subarea Plan
- e) Water System Business Plan

Sewer System

- a) Utility Rate study
- b) WWTP upgrade
- c) Sewer District 7 Interlocal Agreement (ILA)
- d) Wastewater Beneficial Reuse
- e) Fat, Grease and Oil (FOG) ordinance
- f) Coordination with Winslow Subarea Plan

Storm water System

- a) Storm Water System Plan
- b) Ground Water Management Plan

#4 UAC 2023 Work Plan

The members reviewed the draft 2022 Report and 2023 Work Plan provided by Ted. The members decided to revise the draft plan to include the above items suggested by Chris W., and to provide another draft for review at the Feb. 8 UAC meeting. The goal is to present the 2023 Work Plan to the City Council at its meeting on February 14.

#3a. Additional Topics

Ted discussed involvement by UAC members with other members of COBI advisory committees. He has been working with at least one member of the Climate Change Committee regarding questions for PSE (including an undergrounding program), and he and Andy M. have participated with members of ETAC regarding the now-on-hold Ground Water Management Plan.

Ted also prepared a draft chart about how COBI advisory committees and staff have areas of responsibility and expertise that overlap each other.

Chris W. advised that the draft water/sewer rate study is expected to be available at the end of the month, in time for review by the UAC at its Feb. 8 meeting. His goal is to present to the City Council in mid-March.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.