

DRAFT
Utility Advisory Committee (UAC)
Meeting Minutes
January 2, 2014

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Curtz.

Roll Call

- Thad Curtz
- Barbara Day
- Richard Doenges
- Carol Law
- Lorelei Walker
- Chris Ward
- Kim Andresen
- Margaret Drennan
- David Dunn
- Jennifer Sievert
- Steve Fossum

Approval of Agenda

The UAC did not have a quorum, so the December 5, 2013 draft meeting minutes were forwarded to the UAC meeting on February 6, 2014.

Approval of Minutes

The December 5, 2013 meeting minutes were not approved because a quorum was not achieved at the meeting. Approval of the December 5 minutes will occur at the February 6, 2014 UAC meeting

Public Comment

No public comment.

Announcements from UAC and Staff

Chair Curtz mentioned the City of Ballard's rain garden program that has an average rebate of \$4,400 (in comparison to Olympia's \$200 rebate). He was also discussed how Ballard promotes their rain garden program with signs in the yards explaining why rain gardens are important.

Chair Curtz said that he commented on the latest draft of the LOTT Conservation Plan via City staff Erin Conine.

Thad attended the Urban Greenspace presentation held by the Olympia Planning Commission on December 9, 2013. Several guest speakers attended and spoke about numerous topics, such as social implications for urban forestry and landscape architecture. The session was taped and can be accessed on the Planning Commission's website.

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Andy Haub announced that the City is recruiting for a Water Resources Engineer to focus on drinking water and wastewater.

Olympia Planning Commission (OPC) Update

Kim Andresen said that the OPC discussed the neighborhood addendum to the Comp Plan at their December 16 meeting. The OPC voted recently and elected new officers: Chair Max Brown and Vice Chair is Kim Andresen.

BUSINESS OF THE EVENING

Habitat and Stewardship Strategy for the Storm and Surface Water Utility – Andy Haub introduced Joe Roush, Program and Planning Supervisor, for the Storm and Surface Water Utility. Joe introduced and thanked the staff that helped prepare the Stewardship Plan: Marcus Goodman – Senior Program Specialist, Kris Bryan – Intern, Tom Otto – Volunteer. UAC members received a report to review called the Preliminary Habitat and Stewardship Strategy – Analysis and Recommendations.

Joe and Marcus presented information on the research and analysis staff conducted, which included GIS and land cover analyses of habitat remaining within the utility service area. Staff informed the UAC that they intend to apply for a \$350,000 National Estuary Program (NEP) restoration grant to assist in implementing the proposed strategy.

UAC members are supportive of the work that staff is doing in regards to the habitat and stewardship strategy. The UAC requests updates from staff throughout the year.

UAC Workplan Development and Officer Elections

The UAC did not have a quorum, so the 2014-2015 draft workplan and officer elections was forwarded to the UAC meeting on February 6, 2014.

Adjournment

Chair Curtz adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.