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Utility Advisory Committee (UAC)
Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2013

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 agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes

The November 7, 2013 meeting minutes were approved with some revisions from Chair Curtz within the Announcements section in regards to City Council feedback.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Announcements from UAC and Staff

Thad is working with Thurston Climate Action, to develop a set of recommendations for a Climate Action Plan. The focus is on emission reduction planning.

OMC, Chapter 2.100 states that the UAC shall submit an annual report to the City Council. A submission of an Annual Report from the UAC has not occurred in several years. Liz has asked Cathie Butler to check with General Government Committee to see if this is something the Committee would like. The other advisory committees also do not provide an annual report.

Olympia Planning Commission (OPC) Update

Kim Andresen provided an update on the current OPC activities. The OPC held a public hearing on the high density corridor zone building setbacks in regards to the temporary emergency action by the City Council in December 2012. The OPC also finalized the code revisions for solid waste screenings. OPC is reviewing the urban neighborhoods proposals and evaluating the May addendum that the Planning

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Commission adopted. The Commission also received a briefing on the Community Renewal Act from Mayor Buxbaum.

On Monday, December 9 at 6:30 pm the Planning Commission will discuss Urban Greenspaces and policies in the Comprehensive Plan. UAC members are invited to attend; Chair Curtz plans to attend. Information from a group of experts will be presented at the meeting.

BUSINESS OF THE EVENING

Waste ReSources Utility Master Plan Update

Ron Jones, Senior Program Specialist, attended the UAC meeting to provide a progress report on the Waste ReSources Master Plan. Ron reviewed strategic issues, goals, and discussed the schedule for developing a draft plan. He also reviewed the feedback received from the UAC in February 2013. UAC members provided the following feedback during the meeting:

- Look into strategies for technical assistance and regulatory tools for construction & demolition (C&D) debris. Some strategies would involve the planning process. Portland has a variety of pre-construction processes in place that might be helpful to look at.
- Why is the City not shipping the C&D debris to Recovery One in Tacoma – they have a much higher rate of diversion/recycling?
Ron explained that Recovery One will only accept items that they can use/recycle. They also may use some of their materials for landfill cover, etc. The Thurston County Waste and Recovery Center (WARC) is not set up to deliver materials to Recovery One currently. Ron noted that this is something that we could look at as part of the plan development.
- The Thurston County Waste and Recovery Center (WARC) is also projected to be at capacity by 2017. The UAC asked how the City's services/operations will be evaluated as part of the planning for this.
Ron noted that the changes may be more subtle, rather than significant – in terms of what types of operational changes they might make at this facility.
- UAC members asked about making commercial recycling mandatory.
Ron noted that this was going to be a very significant effort. He is working with City legal staff to discuss whether the City could imbed recycling into the garbage service and not face legal challenges, because a private sector company is currently operating within the City of Olympia. Ron also noted that each of the commercial customers have unique recycling needs and services.

UAC Work Plan Development

Liz Hoenig, Senior Planner/UAC Liaison, facilitated a discussion with UAC members on the development of the 2014-2015 UAC work plan. The UAC reviewed the draft work plan with requests from committee members and City staff. UAC members submitted

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ten requests and staff submitted seven requests. Three work plan items were discussed by UAC members.

- Utility Green Power
- Anaerobic Composting
- Municipal Fiber

It was noted that the municipal fiber item is currently not within the scope of any advisory committee at this time.

A final draft of the work plan will be reviewed at the January 2, 2014 UAC meeting with the final work plan going before the General Government Committee in early February. Referral to the full Council for approval will occur in March.

Adjournment

Chair Curtz adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.