



CITY OF
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNICAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 16, 2019

MINUTES

Call to Order at 3:05 PM

Member Attendees: Karl Shearer, Charlie Kratzer, Steve Saepoff, Casey Schmidt, Dylan Frazer, Jason Flowers

Members Absent: Juan Rovalo, Melanie Keenan

Council Liaison: Rasham Nassar

Public: Charlotte Rovelstad

Minutes from April 18th, 2019 meeting approved.

Conflicts of Interest:

- Jason with respect to any discussion of COBI's selection process for the \$100K study of potential improvements to the COBI wastewater treatment plant; his company submitted a proposal.
- Casey and Charlie with respect to the COBI process of developing a job description and announcement for a 2-year hydrogeologist position to work on the GWMP; they both are considering applying for the position.

Council Liaison Report

- Rasham provided some input on recent Council meetings. COBI staff is working on updating the Critical Areas Ordinance.
 - COBI staff is considering updating the groundwater recharge areas, based on Christy Carr's original work.
 - COBI is using the 35% development criteria to enhance aquifer recharge.
 - The GWMP may be used to inform hypercritical recharge areas based on a better understanding of the science.

Chair Report on Activities since 4/18 meeting

- Chair and Casey attended UAC meeting on 5/8 to discuss the RFQ for a \$100K study of upgrading the COBI wastewater treatment plant to see if contaminants of emerging concern could be reduced in the effluent.



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The RFQ closed on 5/9. The \$100K set aside by the Council for a study of methods to reduce the quantity and improve the quality of stormwater generated on the island was put off to the next fiscal year.

- Chair and Casey sat at a table at the Farmers Market on 5/11 with Christian Berg (COBI staff) and Deb Rudnick (BI Watershed Council). Discussions for ETAC revolved around water issues on BI and specifically about the GWMP process.

GWMP update

- COBI completed their description of the GWMP project with input from ETAC. The next step is for COBI to post a vacancy announcement for the 2-year hydrogeologist position.

GW Fact Sheet update

- A slide-by-slide discussion of the Chair's draft PowerPoint storybook about the 7 most important items occurred.
- Some of the suggestions include: (1) developing a schematic of water levels for representative wells with measurements taken at the same time of year – e.g., California DWR puts together maps of spring (highest water levels) and fall (lowest water levels); (2) developing a schematic (cartoonish) showing all 6 aquifers in one cross-section; (3) developing a schematic (cartoonish) to illustrate the water budget for the island for an "average" year; and (4) various word suggestions for the slides.

Public Comment

- Charlotte brought the issue of 5G and the FCC requirement for many small cell towers to ETAC. The Council has approved looking into complying with the FCC requirement. Charlotte directed ETAC to some scientific studies on potential health effects from 5G.

Meeting adjourned at 4:34 PM.


Charlie Kratzer, Chair 8/8/19