

City of Bainbridge Island
Utility Advisory Committee Minutes
November 10, 2021

Meeting called to order at 5:30 by Ted Jones. Members Present: Ted Jones, Andy Maron, Svend Brandt-Ericksen, Sheina Hughes, Charlie Averill

Also present: Chris Wierzbicki

Absent: Martin Pastucha, Susan Hume

DISCUSSION OF UAC 2022 WORK PLAN

Ted Jones presented his outline of our 2021 activities, and 2022 plan. Andy noted that in the past, the committee has written a memo, which is then used to create a PowerPoint for Council presentation.

Chris noted that the City Council likely will be shifting to two meetings a month, so it will be important to condense items.

Ted explained that, for the coming year, he took headlines & topics we were already working on. The fire code is about the only 2021 issue that won't continue in 2022.

Chris outlined some main items:

- Stormwater system plan (not discussed much in 2021); this will include some code updates required by the state.
- Rate Review; and
- input on water system tank.

Other items that will likely come up:

- Water policy -- we may have more small water systems asking for help.
- The Ferncliff Main extension is waiting for funding decisions; some decisions will be made once funding is available.
- Usual update to Capital Improvements Plan (2-year cycle), in connection with budget.

Ted will do an update on the work plan and send out the update. The UAC will vote on it at the December meeting & refer to council.

UTILITIES TOUR

A tour of city utilities is planned for December 10, for UAC and city council members who have not seen the facilities. Since four UAC members expect to be present, it will be announced as a special committee meeting.

STORMWATER SYSTEM PLAN

Chris discussed the Stormwater System Plan scope of work.

The plan to bring in a consultant is on the council agenda for approval, with opportunity for feedback.

The city will be addressing several things:

- Complete a stormwater asset inventory
- Review scope of Stormwater Management Plan, which will include update of the city plan adopted in 2001, and identifying changes needed to comply with more recent state Ecology requirements;
- Stormwater System Plan preparation support, including recommendations to improve stormwater water quality, addressing climate change impacts, and recommending future projects.

He noted that the review is likely to take a year or so, so it won't be included in the Capital Improvement Plan for the coming year.

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

Chris discussed the planned Beach main replacement project. One resident has asked for a formal response from UAC and/or the Council. Question was whether UAC should respond. Committee members decided it's not our role to respond.

He explained that rebuilding the main on the beach is not a cost-effective or appropriate project, as it would require a much larger project.

He noted that the High School water tank replacement will likely begin in 2023. It's a relatively high priority because of seismic concerns about the current tank.

UAC CHAIR & CO-CHAIR FOR NEXT YEAR

Since two members were absent, the committee decided to wait until next meeting to make a decision. Ted & Andy both stated that they're willing to continue as co-chairs.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.

Andy Maron

Co- Chair

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