



CLEAN WATER COMMISSION

For the Department of Environmental Services

Meeting Summary
Wednesday, September 2, 2015
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Public Service Center, 6th Floor Training Room
1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver

Members Present: Marie La Manna, David McDevitt, David Meyer, Susan Rasmussen, Dick Rylander, Gary Schaeffer, Kate Schoof, Mark Schneider

Members Absent: Jim Carlson

Staff Present: Don Benton, Dean Boening, Chris Clifford, Bobbi Trusty

Partner Agency Staff Present: Art Stubbs, NACCC

Public Present: Deirdre Schneider

I ROLL CALL

A moment of silence was given in memory of Mr. Rowell.

The July 1, 2015 meeting summary was approved as submitted.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT (4:33)

None

III. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

Local Pervious Paver (4:50)

Mr. Benton introduced a pervious paver that is made locally in Vancouver. The sample paver uses polyurethane to bind the aggregate; however there is a new method to make it greener that uses PET flake (from ground up soda pop bottles). The PET flake is stronger and cheaper to make. Mr. Benton wanted to share this paver as new technologies and products are being developed for Low Impact Development.

Presentation of the Clean Water Fee Study and preliminary draft (9:22)

Mr. Benton shared a presentation and reviewed the preliminary draft of the Clean Water Fee Study (Study). He stated it is only a preliminary draft and the final Study will include appropriate links and references in the appendices. He asked the Clean Water Commission to provide their input of the Study by thoroughly reading, marking it up, and notating where more information is needed or clarified.

Commissioners asked questions about:

- If a homeowner uses pervious pavers like the one shown tonight, would they be exempt from the Clean Water Fee?



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- No, each homeowner pays for an Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU). Commercial businesses pay based on square footage.
- Why did it take so long for the commission to get the Study?
 - Mr. Benton took full responsibility for the Study taking so long to get to the commission. He stated the Board of County Councilors and Manager received the Study prior to the eighth of July and they held onto it. Mr. Benton apologized that the message regarding the delay was not delivered to the commission. He welcomed anyone to utilize his open door policy.
- The commission cannot approve the Study at this time as we have not had a proper chance to review it.
 - Mr. Benton stated that the county is not asking for the commission to approve or do anything with it tonight. Once the commission feedback is submitted and incorporated, and a final version of the Study is complete, Mr. Benton would like the commission to vet the options to the community and solicit feedback during the 2016 calendar year.
- When are the comments and suggestions due?
 - Mr. Benton would like the comments on the Study submitted by the November commission meeting. He would like to provide a final Study at the January meeting.
- Do the proposed fee requirements consider the proposed GMA options, annexations or adjusted inflation?
 - At this time they do not as there are too many variables.
- Where can citizens review this document?
 - It is posted on the commission website at
 - <http://www.clark.wa.gov/environment/stormwater/management/commission.html>

The commission discussed having an October meeting to review their comments on the Study, utilizing google docs to incorporate their comments and that Ms. Schoof would join the fee task force.

Mr. Benton introduced of Mr. Boening and Mr. Clifford (1:05:03)

Mr. Boening was introduced as the new Clean Water Division Manager. Mr. Boening provided a brief summary of his work history and also welcomed folks to utilize his open door policy.

Mr. Clifford is now the Clean Water Commission Liaison.

Google Docs Training (1:13:36)

Most folks in attendance know how to use it, so Mr. Rylander agreed to complete training for any folks that need it instead of using the meeting time review it for all.

Special Project Working Group Updates (01:21:44)

No updates to report

Commissioner Discussion time (1:05:50)

Mr. Meyer asked if the comments on the Preliminary Draft Clean Water Fee Study (Study) should be vetted through the working group or if everyone should place the comments regarding the Study



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through Google Docs. The commission discussed the process to follow, converting the document into Word and that comments should be completed by September 24, 2015. The group further discussed the option for an October meeting.

Motion 2015-03

Mr. Schaeffer made a motion to have a meeting on October 7, 2015 to collaborate the review and recommendations of the Preliminary Draft Clean Water Fee Study. It was seconded, all were in favor. Motion passed.

The Clean Water Commission will meet at 6:30 p.m. on October 7, 2015

Ms. La Manna asked how the edits are coming on the slide show for the Clean Water Commission to use for outreach. Mr. Clifford acknowledged that he is still putting the pieces together since Mr. Rowell's passing. He will look further into it and ask Mr. Boening to assist in reviewing the information that he has come across.

Ms. Rasmussen had a landowner call her regarding problems with a habitat covenant. Through research, she was told that the wetland was actually borrow pits created in 1902 by the railroad. However, the county is stating the land was delineated as a wetland. Ms. Rasmussen wants to know if the land requires a 40 foot buffer. Mr. Clifford said that county is working with the land owner on the issue and that the county will follow the code and law.

V PUBLIC COMMENT (1:54:34) None

VII ADJOURN – 08:26 PM

Summary provided by: Bobbi Trusty / 360-397-2121 x 5268

For more detailed information, an audio recording for this meeting is available through the county website at:
<http://www.clark.wa.gov/environment/stormwater/management/commission.html>