

2A Stormwater Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting Agenda

2:00 PM, May 16, 2019

Pikes Peak Room, City Hall, 107 N. Nevada

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 2:01 pm by Committee Chair Terry Schooler.

Minutes Approval:

Minutes from previous 2-21-2019 meeting approved. Terry Schooler asked if minutes were approved by the board; minutes approved unanimously.

Financial Recap/Summary:

Water Resources Engineering Division Manager Richard Mulledy provided the 2019 financial overview, including the MS4 program, drainage operations and maintenance, and capital project delivery. He explained the reason there “appear” to be a large amount of funds remaining in the balance by explaining that all of those dollars are encumbered for projects. The amount must be spread out for the entire fiscal year, and covers payroll in addition to projects. At this time, he does not anticipate that additional positions will be added. The Stormwater Enterprise added a total of three permanent fulltime positions. Richard also provided an explanation of the design/construction process and explained how the timeline works for this cycle.

The current total for yearly billings for residential and commercial properties currently sits at \$15,582,038. Richard provided some revenue collection strategies and next steps to increase billing efficiencies. The residential collection rate is quite high, and the team is working with Colorado Springs Utilities to increase the collection rate among commercial properties, potentially using a new method.

Discussion of LID:

Low Impact Development (LID) definition, explanation, discussion occurred amongst board members and Water Resources Engineering staff. There was a general consensus that the board wants LID formally defined and mandated within the City’s next iteration of the Drainage Criteria Manual. While there are few examples currently of best LID practices, the board said the City should make efforts to install LID on all of their own projects so developers can have a better idea of how to make this happen successfully.

The next steps will be to determine:

1. Budget for public outreach
2. Research on what other cities have and how they implement it
3. Reach out to the Planning Department and see how LID could integrate with their current requirements

4. Implement into city projects whenever and wherever possible
 - a. Make real examples
5. LID should be in the DCM update

Strategic Plan Draft:

A printed copy of the strategic plan draft was given to each of the board members. Minor discussion developed. The board expressed a desire for:

- An educational component for developers
- Multi-use/amenity aesthetics incorporated into Stormwater infrastructure, and to provide community value
- More hard dates and specific dates should be provided, in order to show how the group is hitting benchmarks and celebrate the success of the Enterprise

Mailer/Publicity update:

The mailer as previously discussed, will actually cost significantly less than initially thought. Water Resources Engineering staff is pursuing this with Colorado Springs Utilities.

It was suggested that if Water Resources Engineering goes before the Colorado Springs City Council to discuss the program and its success, that they are accompanied by a homeowner whose life has been positively impacted by the work done. Social media update was put off until next meeting, although there was discussion of what makes compelling content related to the Stormwater Enterprise and the work being done.

Adjournment 3:46 pm

Next meeting: August 15