

Longview Stormwater Advisory Committee

Minutes of December 13, 2016

Present: Carol Ruiz, Mike LaFave, Mike Davis, Dean Gehrmann, Steve Haubner, Steve Warner, Van McKay, Lisa Vertrees

Excused: Eric Pucci

Absent: Matt Swanson

Minutes: Minutes of May 18, 2016 reviewed.

1. 2017 Updates

- New crew members and one supervisor position will be added in 2017. The organization chart will be updated.
- Staff solicited input on the proposed edits for the 2017 Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) plan. Additional comments were encouraged to be provided via email.

2. Public Education and Outreach Activities

- Staff discussed the participation of Longview with the Cowlitz Clean Water Partners, a collaborative stormwater public education effort between the City, Kelso, Cowlitz County, CDID #1, Port of Longview, Longview School District, Kelso School District, Lower Columbia College and Washington State University Extension. The goal is to undertake public education and outreach activities on a regional level such as social media, brochures, posters, billboards, bus wraps, radio ads and programs for students. An interlocal agreement for funding the program has been prepared by the local government partners and has already been approved by the City, Kelso and CDID #1. Longview will serve as the administrator for funding and procurement. Other participating agencies will provide in-kind services or materials. The program hopes to have a regular or monthly themes on social media/websites. Example slogans: “Water Quality is in Your Hands” for mutt mitt dispensers. Dean Gerhmann will research rates for billboard advertising.
- Another potential for public education is signage on city vehicles. Various ideas and messages were discussed by the committee.
- Stormwater is procuring new stainless steel medallions to replace existing plastic storm drain markers that are deteriorating or missing. Two designs were presented for review by the committee. The group liked the blue and green color scheme and felt that the “fish” design provided a better connection of the storm drain to the impact in the receiving waters. The committee also supported the option for a “duck”-themed design for basins that drain to Lake Sacajawea.

3. Stormwater Development Submittal Checklist

- Staff presented draft stormwater submittal checklists based on the current stormwater requirements. These will be used until the updated requirements are adopted mid-2017.

4. 2017 Stormwater Regulations Update

Staff provided an overview of the City's requirements for revising regulations under the Western Washington Municipal Stormwater Permit which includes two major efforts:

- Updating the City's stormwater regulations, including the stormwater ordinance and manual, to meet revised smaller thresholds and applicability criteria as well as IDDE provisions. This effort will include the preparation of new internal and external checklists and supporting tools for staff and applicants.
- Reviewing all development-related codes, rules, standards, or other enforceable documents to incorporate and require stormwater low impact development (LID) principles and best management practices (BMPs), and remove barriers to LID implementation.

The deadline under the permit for both actions is June 30, 2017.

5. Meeting schedule for early 2017

Based on the needs of the stormwater regulations update process and June deadline, staff provided a proposed timeline and schedule for LSAC meetings in early 2017 to allow LSAC to provide review and input throughout the process.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

Lisa Vertrees, Recorder