



Pikes Peak Reservoir and Pump Station Project

Community Advisory Group Meeting #5 Summary

Date: June 28, 2017

Time: 6:30 – 7:15 PM

Location: Bellevue City Hall, 1E-118 (First Floor)

Attendees

Community Advisory Group: Jennifer Duncan (Lake Washington Saddle Club), Suzanne Kagen (Lake Washington Saddle Club), Jim Erckmann (Bridle Trails Park Foundation), Alice Prince (Bridle Trails Community Club), Steve Brand (Washington State Parks)

(Absent: Richard Benson, Kelly Losse, Jay Bergevin, Loretta Lopez)

Project Team: Jay Hummel (Project Manager), Michael May (Public Information Officer), Jenna Anderson (Consultant), John Chaney (Consultant), Ashley Bagley (Consultant)

(Absent: Regan Sidie, Design Manager)

Summary

Welcome and Recap

Jay Hummel welcomed everyone to the fifth Community Advisory Group (CAG) meeting and provided a brief recap of the CAG's involvement thus far:

- Four CAG meetings (December 2016, January 2017, March 2017, May 2017).
- A CAG project field visit to the Pikes Peak reservoir and pump station site (February 2017).
- An in-person open house (June 2017) to share the alternatives with the public.
- An online open house (June 6 – June 20, 2017) to receive feedback and questions regarding the alternatives.

Jay thanked the CAG for their continued support and involvement throughout the evaluation process. He emphasized that their feedback plays a vital role in supporting the recommendation the project team makes to the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Cabinet (the Utilities' executive group).

Alternatives

Jay reviewed each alternative to provide a recap:

- **Alternative A:** Rectangular reinforced concrete reservoir and pump station onsite, existing easement
- **Alternative B:** Circular prestressed concrete reservoir and pump station onsite, modified easement
- **Alternative C:** Circular prestressed concrete reservoir and pump station offsite at Cherry Crest
- **Alternative D:** Circular steel reservoir and pump station offsite at Cherry Crest

He reminded everyone that the last time the group met, everyone agreed on the ranking of the alternatives:

1. Alternative C (preferred)
2. Alternative D

3. Alternative B
4. Alternative A

Community Feedback

Reflecting on feedback, John Chaney informed everyone about the community feedback the project team received from the in-person and online open houses.

In-person Open House

- Approximately 18 members of the public attended the open house, ten of which are not members of the Community Advisory Group (CAG).
- Key topics that were brought up or discussed include:
 - Project boundary, effects + construction impacts, cost
 - Property owner easements and boundaries
 - Technical details of steel reservoirs
 - Environmental processes or regulations the project must go through/abide by
 - Public involvement and level of transparency throughout the process
- Two comments were submitted at the open house and both supported Alternative C.

Online Open House

In discussing the online open house feedback and analytics, John reminded everyone that the online open house was created to share information from the open house and make it more accessible for the community to view. He noted the following:

- 23 people visited the online open house for a total of 34 visits to the site. Thus, some people viewed the site more than once.
- No comments were received through the online open house.

John followed up by stating that most of the users accessed the online open house from a referral, and that most users spent about six minutes viewing it, which is longer than the standard viewing time for an engagement site.

Suzanne thanked the project team for the CAG involvement process and keeping the different organizations informed. She followed up by asking if there will be any additional follow up meetings for the project.

Next Steps

In thinking about next steps and staying informed, Jay stated that once the project team moves into the design and permitting phase there will be another set of meetings to keep the community informed and involved. He informed the CAG that the project team will be making their final recommendation to the CIP Cabinet on Monday, July 17, with the expectation that the CIP Cabinet will decide by the end of August 2017. Jay confirmed he feels confident in the recommendation and the work that has been involved. Jim added that the process will make the public and CIP Cabinet more assured in the decision. Circling back on staying up to date on the project's progress, Jay stated that he will email the CAG directly once an alternative is chosen. In addition, the project website will be updated.

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The CAG expressed some continuing concerns in thinking about the next phases of the project:

- Disturbing trees and shrubs outside of the existing fence during construction
- Project schedule
- Construction impacts regarding access and noise
- Work hours during construction
- Working near power lines
- Workers smoking on the job site (there is no smoking allowed in Bridle Trails State Park)

Jay stated that there are many items that will need to be determined with the contractor before construction starts. In addition, the CAG will reconvene once it is time to coordinate on those items.

Everyone reviewed the existing schedule. Jay informed everyone the preliminary schedule is subject to change if Alternative C is accepted by the CIP Cabinet. If the pump station is moved to the Cherry Crest pump station site, construction on the reservoir will be pushed back approximately one year. Final schedule details would still need to be finalized. To ensure water service is maintained during construction, the project team would construct the new, combined pump station at Cherry Crest before rebuilding the reservoir in its current location.

Jennifer asked if the existing fence will stay up during construction. Jay replied that it is hard to determine where the fence will be located during construction at this stage in process, but he informed her that crews will need a fence to distinguish the job site. In addition, Jay confirmed with Steve that the project team does not anticipate any changes to the lease area. Steve followed up by noting that the State Parks Department will need to look at the ingress and egress for staging.

With no additional questions or comments, Jay reiterated the project team's appreciation for the CAG's involvement and reminded everyone to check their email for a final decision sometime in August.